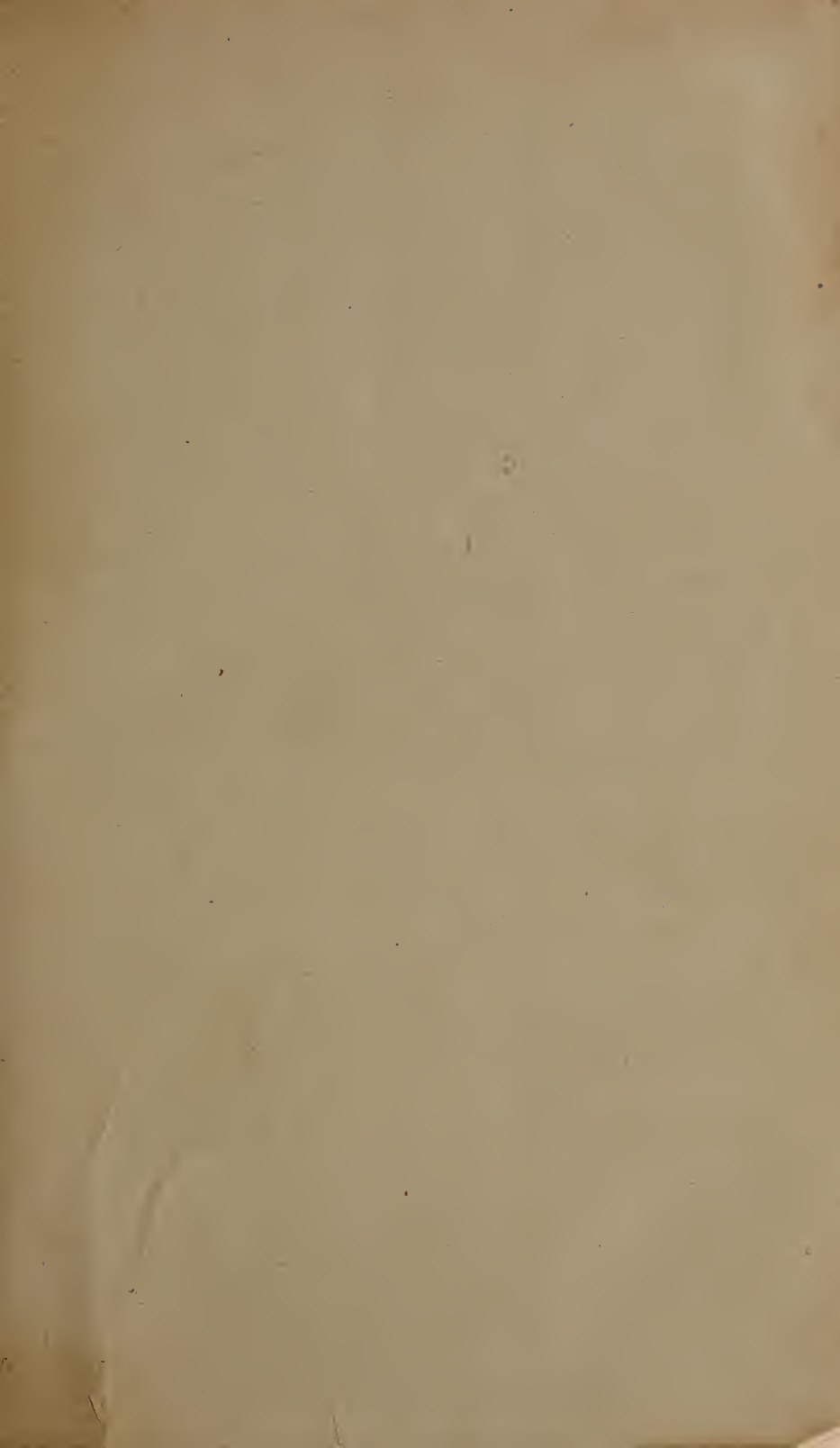


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"Offerings of God."—LUKE xxi. 4.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE

have recommended to all of the churches systematic, prayerful, weekly or monthly offerings for the whole work of the Church as a part of the worship of God's house; and the General Assembly of 1873 recommended "all congregations to remit either to this Committee or to the respective Boards, monthly, or at least quarterly, for the benefit of the whole work."

PROPORTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE ASSEMBLY.

<i>Foreign Missions</i> , 40 per cent. \$600,000.	<i>Sustentation</i> , 5½ per cent. \$82,500.
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The State laws differ so much that no one form will answer in all the States, but in every case it is essential to give the RIGHT CORPORATE NAME.

Bequests for Home Missions should be made to "*The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*," which is now the corporate title.

Of the Board of Education the corporate name is "*The Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*."

The Board of Foreign Missions is incorporated under the laws of New York, under the style of "*The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*."

The Board of Publication is incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, under the style of "*The Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication*."

The Board of Church Erection is incorporated under the style of "*The Trustees of the Church Erection Fund of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*," incorporated March 31, 1855, by the Legislature of the State of New York.

Bequests that have been made to the "*Trustees of the General Assembly*," or to the "*Trustees of the Presbyterian House*," for Church purposes, will be valid.

All Bequests made to the incorporated Boards or Committees of the two late Assemblies are valid, and will be received by the Boards which are their legal successors.

The Relief Fund for Disabled Ministers, and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers requires the following form:

"I give and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named, ——— dollars in trust, nevertheless, that they shall, within ——— months after my decease, pay the same to the *Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*, for the use of the Fund for Disabled Ministers and their Families."

When real estate or other property is given, let it be particularly designated.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

We regret to state, in this April number of the *Record*, to the many Presbyteries meeting this month, that the Board of Home Missions—the right arm of our Church—which aids in supporting one-fourth of all the active ministers in our body, and assists in supplying the gospel to more than three thousand churches and stations over our wide country, is embarrassed for funds, and threatened with the burden of debt at the coming General Assembly. The collections from the churches alone, during the last eleven months, are smaller by \$20,775.37 than for the corresponding months of last year. We beg ministers and elders assembled in Presbyteries to take this state of things into account when considering the applications for aid, and further how the funds of the Board may be increased, so that the work of the Church shall not be arrested.

GROUPING FEEBLE FIELDS.

The General Assembly has often and earnestly called the attention of Presbyteries to the vast importance of uniting feeble churches in the support of the gospel, and thus diminishing the call for help from missionary funds. As a large number of Presbyteries hold stated meetings in April, we trust that in looking over the fields within their bounds, this Spring, strong efforts will be made to secure the union of feeble churches, wherever practicable. The *power* of Presbytery is often required to accomplish this grouping. Many feeble charges are kept apart by the prejudices of a few, and continue to draw on the funds of the Church when union would render them self-supporting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM KANSAS.

I—, Kansas.

Dear Brethren and Secretaries—The last quarter of my third year expired with last Sabbath. The period embraced by this report covers only the last two months. This has been in some respects an unusual quarter, though very little has transpired out of the ordinary course of things here in town. You will possibly recollect the mention in my last of the prospective organiza-

tion of a church about fifteen miles southwest of I——. At the time appointed, October 19th, I visited the neighborhood in company with Rev. J. H. M——. Everything seemed auspicious, held service on Saturday evening previous. Sabbath morning, the First Presbyterian Church of S—— was organized with thirteen members. W. M. R—— and J. M. H—— were elected ruling elders. After a recess, the elders were duly installed, the ordinance of baptism was administered to one infant, and the communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. It was a day long to be remembered, as the overflowing of hearts testified that it was the first time they had been permitted to hear a *Presbyterian sermon* since they had been in Kansas, or to sit at the communion table.

Dr. A——, who is a licentiate of the Presbytery, and who takes charge of this church and also of the church of G—— P——, about fifteen miles east, enters upon his work with great encouragement in both fields. I do most heartily believe that the Lord has called him to this work, and the growing interest, which I heard from various sources, is very cheering indeed. A letter of his accompanies an application for assistance from the two churches. In this connection I will state that I have had correspondence with the Westminster Sabbath-school of Utica, N. Y., relative to the support of Dr. A—— as their missionary, through the Board, and am hoping that this wide section, and most hopeful one too, will be cultivated from a source that has not hitherto contributed to the Home Mission Board.

In regard to home work, I wish there were more of satisfying results to report. At our last communion twelve were admitted to fellowship with our church, three of whom by confession of faith. Our prayer-meetings have not been largely attended, nor have our services as fully as during other quarters. Sickness in many families and many unpleasant Sabbaths may partly explain these facts. I have however been cheered by one circumstance that came as somewhat of a surprise to me. A portion of last year's salary, secured by a note of the trustees, was due in August last and not liquidated, and something, perhaps one-fourth, of this year's dues were unpaid a week ago last Sabbath. A meeting was called after the morning service, to state the facts, and resulted in an appointment of a meeting for Tuesday night. The apathy, which I had feared was in a measure personal, was atoned for in the immediate wiping out of all past indebtedness and promises to do better in the future. Last Sabbath, my third anniversary, the following facts were elicited from a review of our history as a church. Since the organization of the church in April 1870, ninety-nine had held connection with us for a longer or shorter period. Of these, seventy-three had been added during the past three years; fourteen have been dismissed to the fellowship of other churches. Sixteen have removed without taking their letters. Three only, so far as known, are reckoned with the departed, and only two while in our connection. Twenty-one couples united in marriage. Nearly forty funerals have been attended, and of these only about one-fourth in families of our own congregation. The contrast of the old schoolhouse—bare studding and rafters, windows stopped with boards, windows partly filled with boards and sash, pulpit of dry-goods box, surmounted with soap and candle box covered with a newspaper, and our new and beautiful house—the notes of the Sabbath bell, the Sabbath-school with its library, the beautiful communion service, was very great indeed. Three years ago I had crossed the Verdigris, as Jacob crossed the brook, alone with his staff; when he returned it was two bands, his family and his flocks. I with my flock, my family gone, but a sanctuary instead. Grateful am I that while he took the one, he did not withhold the other. For this stands to-day the most fitting memorial of the one who is not.

L—, Kansas.

Dear Brethren—I now send you my third quarterly report for this year. The last three months have been devoted almost entirely to the furthering and helping the church-building enterprise at L—. I have had good health most of the time, for me, and have put forth more hard work, physical and mental, than I supposed I had the strength to perform. In fact, we have all done our best, and have, by the blessing of God, been quite successful, considering the very hard times. We have our church enclosed and floor laid, and hope within a short time to be able to pay for it, leaving inside work for next year. In the meantime we may use it temporarily, if we can put it in shape.

Through the liberality of a kind friend we have been able to get along without asking aid from the Board of Church Erection, and expect to finish by degrees as we are able ourselves. We have great reason to be grateful to God for his care and help in the midst of such an undertaking during the hard times.

The people are poorer than ever this fall. A short corn crop, low prices for cattle and produce, and late destruction by prairie fires, and the general effect of financial and business pressure have made very, very hard times out here. Money is almost an impossibility, I might say. Our church attendance, more here and somewhat at O— City, has fallen off, and the people tell me, for want of clothes to wear. Many are denying themselves the very necessities of life, and some are wondering how they can live through the winter. Of course my salary is paid slowly, but they are doing as well as can be expected, all the circumstances considered. I am very thankful that I can have the Board to look to for a portion, and feel that I shall not be disappointed, nor be left unprovided for. I always feel there will be some way to get along.

At O— City we have a very good attendance on public services, and matters are better financially, because of the benefit of coal exports from the mines in and near the town. Here at L—, where we depend mostly on the farmers' trade, there is more dulness. We have union prayer-meetings still in both places—the Methodist minister conducting them at O— City, as he resides there, and I conducting them here at L—. We manage to be present at both meetings as much as possible.

We have held protracted meetings at O— City for a time, with good hopes, but without any marked results. We shall probably renew this effort during the Week of Prayer.

Our Sabbath-School at O— City is flourishing well. Our County Sabbath-School Association was held there in our church, and awakened a good degree of interest and zeal in the cause. Our L— Sabbath-school is small, the children staying away for want of clothes, they say. Poverty is discouraging, but has its blessings, too, no doubt. We are anxiously looking forward to better times, when the people can do more, and be better able to appear in the sanctuary on the Sabbath; and with coming prosperity be in a condition of mind to devote themselves more to church and religious matters, and less to the cares and anxieties of the world.

I suppose ours is a common condition in these hard times, and we must not complain, but press on and do all we can. I try to look on the bright side, and to feel that better and more encouraging times are ahead of us, when God shall have accomplished His own ends by causing the nation to pass through this sore trial.

On the whole, the field here is reasonably encouraging, and I do not complain. My hope and prayer is, that God will bless us with the outpouring of His Spirit, and now and in future days make these church buildings we have worked so hard to erect, the birthplaces of many souls.

W. W. C.

E——, Kansas, January 26, 1874.

Dear Brothers—I would gladly give you much of my experience in preaching the gospel during the past two years in this *great west*; but this I must defer for the present, for this is the time of all others to work. I am trying to improve the opportunity which leisure with the people presents, of doing them good, by visiting, singing, and preaching almost constantly, day and night. I can only spare time to give you a glimpse of the field I occupy, and my labor upon it for the last three months. My *parish* is about forty miles long and ten wide; quite a garden spot indeed. And it is truly a garden, for the sun never looked upon a more lovely country. There are two organized churches (D—— and E——), and one station called “P—— V——.” D—— you doubtless know something of. The church is small and weak. Church building, good; 40 by 60 feet. I have preached here three months only, but am much encouraged. The Sabbath-school has increased about fifty per cent., and the congregation also has steadily increased: membership fifteen. E—— is S. W. from D—— twenty-four miles. This is a little railroad town. It contains a depot, warehouse, store, post-office, and six families, blacksmith and wagon-shop. This is the centre of one of the best farming communities in all the west. At this point I have preached over one year in connection with two other points, almost at my own charge. But, praise the Lord, I am paid here, not in money, but in the satisfaction that a live church and Sabbath-school have sprung up, which I confidently trust in God’s own time and good pleasure will become strong.

Two weeks ago we held our first communion after the church was regularly organized. It was a precious season. There were nine received into the church; and there are eight more propounded who will be received soon. I am confidently praying and looking for still larger additions before our next communion. For this *we thank God and take courage*. It pays for all the trial of faith, and all the sacrifice I have made. I cast bread upon the waters in the name of the Master, and it has returned after many days largely increased. We hold Sabbath-school and worship in the passenger-room of the depot. It is too small. Sometimes it will not hold the people. We need a church, but are too poor to build one. Oh! if some man would immortalize his name and build a church here, I believe the Lord would bless him, and I am sure the *people would*, all his days. \$1000 with what the people can and would do immediately, would build a good and suitable house of worship at this place.

For the current year the people have subscribed \$200 to my support at this point; and to show their appreciation of past services, a goodly company came to the depot New Year’s evening, and made up a purse of \$53.30, and provisions enough to start a small hotel. We are much attached to the people and the work here, and look forward with strong hope, trusting in God, for a large harvest of souls gathered into the fold of Christ. P. V. station is six miles southwest from E——. I preach here Sabbath evening every two weeks. We have a school-house here, 24 by 36, generally filled. I take great pleasure in coming here. The people receive the word gladly, and treat us with great kindness. There are signs of good; a good Sabbath-school. Some heads of families have signified their intention to connect with the E—— church. I have preached here only three months. The neighborhood is fast filling up with a people who by education are Presbyterians; and to-day a church stronger than D—— church could be organized. But I think it is not best. *Centralization* is the best policy. One strong church is better than four weak ones. I give them as much preaching, and as much pastoral work as at E——; will occasionally hold communion with them, hence they have all the privileges desired. In one or two years a church can be organized, which in connection with E—— will make a good charge.

My field is too large, and my work too laborious. The exposures is also very trying to the health. Seldom sleeping in one house two consecutive nights; very often on a common straw bed only; sometimes in warm, and sometimes in cold rooms; and it must be remembered that western "make-shift" houses are not like eastern palaces for comfort. Very often I must drive many miles after evening service, no matter how stormy or dark the night. Mrs. S—— almost always accompanies me (we have no children), thereby we can do our own singing, if necessary, manage a Sabbath-school better, and gain familiar access to the minds of women as well as men. Having been accustomed to the usages and comforts of a large city almost all our lives, this mode of work and life at first was a little romantic; but now it is stern reality. Yet we are happy and contented, for it is a blessed work. Somebody must do this work, and few are so favorably situated as ourselves to engage in it. I am made also to feel that it is the Lord's will, for He has in a remarkable manner preserved our health and delivered us from the appearance of danger. We drive a white pony which we call *Pilgrim*; he is known all over the county, and is a great favorite with the children. He carries us safely over the prairies night and day; sometimes through streams when the water runs over our buggy box, and sometimes he is mired in the mud almost out of sight; but knows just how to manage himself out of difficulty. In short, he is almost as wonderful as "Aladdin's Lamp," and Mrs. S—— says he ought to have a *commission*! The above items, as improbable as they may seem, are true to the letter; and among the difficulties to which the missionary who travels much in a new country is constantly exposed. Oh! if men and women in the church who live in their "ceiled houses," and to whom God has given much of this world's goods, could stand upon some high mountain, and with the natural eye sweep over this vast country, looking in at the door or windows of every *comfortable house*, every *log-house*, and every "dug-out;" and could they understand its wants, and the work to be done here, it seems to me that *millions*, in the place of a few hundred thousands, would be poured into the lap of the church, to be spent for Christ and the glory of His kingdom.

S. N. J.

 SELF-SUSTAINING.

With the 1st of November ends the last quarter of my third year as your missionary at Upper Lehigh and Eckley. Looking over the field I can truly say, see what the Lord hath wrought. When I came here there was a church of four members, but with no building for worship, and no ideas of duty and privilege, such as are common in most churches. During this time a church building has been erected, 34 by 60, and thoroughly furnished with bell, carpets, organ, choir and books, communion service, &c., Sabbath-school gathered and library secured, and a membership received of eighty members. There has also been erected a fine parsonage of ten rooms alongside of the church, grounds graded, fenced, &c. This has been accomplished in one field of the charge, and all debts fully discharged up to date. In the Eckley field, which has been declining for some years, there have been many removals and some deaths, so that we have hardly done much more than held our own, looking to a future revival of the town. At the out-stations good has also been accomplished. I feel, therefore, that my labor has not been in vain in the Lord. The charge has now determined to dispense with home mission aid for the future, and rely upon their own resources to sustain the ministry of the word in their midst. The Upper Lehigh Coal Company, as such, will have of course to largely assist in the work. While bidding adieu to your society, I cannot but express the thanks of the charge for the assist-

ance granted during this period, and hope that its effort may be duplicated in many more charges, until they have arrived at the self-sustaining point. My report would have been sent in sooner, but since the last of the month I have been holding a series of meetings, and preaching every night up to the present. The meeting has not been without success, as some four or five families have been aroused to a sense of sin and the claims of God, and I hope they will ere long come out on the Lord's side. I had looked for greater results, but may yet realize them during the winter. We greatly need the Spirit of God in our midst, with increased power, to arouse the church, so as to engage them in effort and prayer for sinners. With a quickened and working church, fulfilling the conditions upon which the Spirit is promised, there can be no failure in conversions, or delay in the upbuilding of the Redeemer's cause.

FAITHFULNESS.

R——, O., January 27, 1874.

Please read this at your leisure, or throw it in your waste-basket. The accompanying donation should have been forwarded ten days since. I live six miles from the post-office, and the going has been and continues so bad that travelling is almost out of the question, for old people. That collection was taken up January 11—no minister present. The pulpit of our church has been silent for four Sabbaths in succession, and may continue so, we do not know how long. Our Stated Supply for the year is an aged man—over 70 years old. Lives over thirty miles from here, and has to travel overland when he comes. Our members are so scattered that a large proportion of them live over three miles from the church. Yet our church-house is open every Sabbath, and the worship of God observed. Sometimes these meetings are solemn and deeply interesting. Often they are thinly attended, and frequently ladies are called upon to lead in prayer, and sometimes your correspondent is left alone to do the reading, speaking, and praying. Every year something is accomplished for Jesus, but alas! too little. We have received no aid from any of our Boards, except "Home Missions," and none from that since 1855. Yet we help all our Boards, except Sustentation.

I often think there is something defective in the working of our Home Mission operations, but yet I cannot feel satisfied to do nothing for that Board. May the Great Head of the Church manage all things for His own glory.

Yours, &c.,

A. M'N.

EXTENDING THE FIELD.

To-day have just returned from ——, a long and wild journey of two hundred and eighty miles by the course that I was compelled to pursue in order to reach that place and return from it. That town is ninety miles distant in a southwesterly direction in the wilderness. It is now the most remote settlement in the southwest, in the heart of the buffalo country. The town has about one hundred inhabitants, and the county six hundred. It (the town) began its existence last March. I think that it bids fair to be a place of some importance, as also do others of this place, as also Bro. H——. A young man down there can do a good work. Was received very kindly, and the one evening I preached to them, last Thursday, seventy persons came out, the greater part consisting of buffalo hunters. I never had better attention from any audience. As I departed, three of those rough men each volunteered to pay my hotel bill, but the proprietor settled it himself. They want a good man, and he will do well among them. The danger from Indians is very slight.

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HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS

MADE IN FEBRUARY, 1874.

- Rev. D. M. Rankin, Ilion ch., N. Y.
 Rev. G. L. Hamilton, Rochester Memorial ch., N. Y.
 Rev. E. C. Hood, Dundee ch., N. J.
 Rev. Frederick Walk, Swedesboro ch., N. J.
 Rev. H. Blaney, Elizabeth, Spencer and Grantsville chs., W. Va.
 Rev. D. L. Rathbun, Chestnut Grove ch., Md.
 Rev. A. J. Snyder, Wilmington Olivet ch., Del.
 Rev. A. S. Reid, Bethel and Rockwood chs., Tenn.
 Rev. G. W. Winnes, Cincinnati 2d German ch., Ohio.
 Rev. A. Cone, Parma and Independence chs., O.
 Rev. John Noble, Barlow and Watertown chs., O.
 Rev. T. C. Baldwin, Presbyterian Missionary, Ohio.
 Rev. Francis Lynn, La Gro ch, Ind.
 Rev. J. Post, D.D., Noble Street (Holland) ch., Ill.
 Rev. W. L. Rabe, Covel ch, Ill.
 Rev. W. R. Glen, Monticello ch., Ill.
 Rev. Samuel Wilson, D.D., Normal ch, Ill.
 Rev. Win. Campbell, Will ch., Ill.
 Rev. Wm. F. Brown, Maywood ch., Ill.
 Rev. Philip Roser, Queen Ann and Woodstock chs., Ill.
 Rev. A. Busch, Salem ch., Ill.
 Rev. D. Dimond, D.D., Brighton ch., Ill.
 Rev. O. H. Barnard, Cassopolis ch., Mich.
 Rev. Robert Edgar, Clayton ch., Mich.
 Rev. James Quick, Palmyra ch., Mich.
 Rev. A. E. Hastings, Au Sable ch., Mich.
 Rev. E. Jamieson, Robinsonville ch., Wis.
 Rev. W. P. Jackson, Worthington, Westminster ch., Minn.
 Rev. B. T. De Witt, Austin and Le Roy chs., Minn.
 Rev. James Cochran, White Bear Lake and Pine City chs., Minn.
 Rev. R. B. Abbott, Albert Lea ch., Minn.
 Rev. A. M. Heizer, Wapello and Toolsburgh chs., Iowa.
 Rev. D. Brown, Oxford and Unity chs., Iowa.
 Rev. John Arends, West Friesland (German) ch., Iowa.
 Rev. J. W. Clark, Hamburg and Shenandoah chs., Iowa.
 Rev. Jacob Brinkema, Grundy County 2d German ch., Iowa
 Rev. H. K. Hennigh, Bonaparte and Sharon chs., Iowa.
 Rev. C. R. French, Grundy Centre ch., Neb.
 Rev. Thomas S. Vaill, Beatrice ch., Neb.
 Rev. J. M. Wilson, Elk Valley and vicinity, Neb.
 Rev. D. A. Wilson, Birdseye Ridge and Sullivan 1st ch., Mo.
 Rev. J. R. Armstrong, De Soto and Windsor Harbor chs., Mo.
 Rev. S. S. Bergen, Hearn and vicinity, Texas.
 Rev. D. M. Moore, Hutchison and Burton chs., Kas.
 Rev. H. W. Stratton, Oswego ch., Kas.
 Rev. James Lewis, Humboldt ch., Kas.
 Rev. George A. Irwin, Oskaloosa ch., Kas.
 Rev. A. Stout, Black Jack, Baldwin City and Vineland chs., Kas.
 Rev. Wm. B. Cary, Solomon ch., Kas.
 Rev. F. M. Dimmick, Santa Rosa ch., Cal.
 Rev. Hiram Hill, Visalia ch., Cal.

RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS IN FEBRUARY 1874.

Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

- ALBANY.—Albany—Albany 4th 300; Gloversville add'l 100; Rockwell Falls 8 60; Schenectady, East Ave 62. *Champlain*—Malone, Ladies' Soc'y 75. *Troy*—Johnsontville ch and Sab-sch 25 570 60
- ATLANTIC.—Knox—Antioch 50 cts. *Yadkin*—New Centre 1 1 50
- BALTIMORE.—Baltimore—Baltimore, Brown Memorial (of which 50 from Mrs Ellen Harrison) 141 62; Baltimore, Westminster, a member 5; Deer Creek (Harmony) 26 37; Frederick 23. *New Castle*—Georgetown, Westminster 11; Port Deposit 12 87; Red Clay Creek 25; St George's (Sab sch 50) 86 95. *Washington City*—Georgetown Bridge St 42 33; Washington 6th, Missy Soc'y 100 476 14
- CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Binghamton—Nineveh 117 77. *St. Lawrence*—Chaumont 11 93; Hammond 28 40. *Syracuse*—Collamer 10; Marcellus 100. *Utica*—Clinton 208 30; Forestport and Alder Creek 5; Oriskany 6 80; Redfield 4 25; Westernville, add'l 8; West Utica 8 50 508 95
- CINCINNATI.—Chillicothe—Hillsboro 141 45. *Cincinnati*—Cincinnati 5th 36 20; Delhi 14 01; Sharonville 13 80. *Dayton*—Springfield 1st 207 58; *Troy* 100. *Portsmouth*—Mt Leigh 17 40; *Portsmouth* 703 40; Winchester 6 90 1241 04
- CLEVELAND.—Cleveland—Rev D Witter and w'fe 5. *Mahoning*—Youngstown 31 42. *St. Clairsville*—Morristown 15; Nottingham 71. *Stuebenville*—Bethesda 10; Canonsburgh 18; Dennison 10; New Cumberland 8; Steubenville 2d (Sab-sch 75) 268; Uhricksville 11; Steubenville Old Presbyterian 161 60 609 02
- COLORADO.—Colorado—Fort Collins 11; Rev W E Honeyman 10 21 00
- COLUMBUS.—Athens—Warren 6 50. *Marion*—Porter 5 50. *Wooster*—Ashland 75 94; Jackson 26 30 114 24
- ERIE.—Allegheny—Allegheny, Valley 30; Industry 15; Pine Creek 1st 20. *Butler*—Centre-ville 22. *Erie*—East Greene 11; Mercer 2d 25; Petroleum Centre (Sab-sch 10) 40; Utica 27; Waterloo 6. *Kittanning*—Brady's Bend Sab-sch 18; Centre 5; Cherry Run 4; Freeport 71 10; Plumville 5; Shrader's Grove 8. *Shenango*—
- Beaver Falls 2d 15; Unity, Ladies' Soc'y 17 15; Westfield 12 60 462 85
- GENEVA.—Cayuga—Weedsport 50; Wells College, Aurora, N Y 40. *Chemung*—Eddytown (from Mrs. Ayres) 5. *Geneva*—Manchester 10; Penn Yan Sab-sch-150; West Dresden 12. *Steuben*—Pulney 12 279 00
- HARRISBURGH.—Carlisle—Carlisle 2d add'l 13 10. *Huntingdon*—Fruit Hill 7 20; Mt Union 11 88; Peru 9; Tyrone 45. *Northumberland*—Great Island 52; Lewisburgh 206 50; St. Mary's 17. *Wellsboro*—Coudersport 10 371 68
- ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—Bloomington—Crow Meadow 4 15; Salem 6 35; Springvale 2 15. *Peoria*—Low Point 5; Prospect 38 22*. *Schuyler*—Camp Creek 1 50; Carthage 22; Fountain Green 11; Oquawka 22; Prairie City 20; Quincy, Westminster 13; Rushville 8. *Springfield*—Jacksonville 1st (Prentice Fund) 100; Lincoln 20 73 274 10
- ILLINOIS, NORTH.—Chicago—Chicago 8th (mon con coll) 38 88; Chicago, Grace Sab-sch 9 35; Waukegan Sab-sch 40. *Freeport*—Galena South 74 90. *Ottawa*—Brookfield 3; Earlville 5; Waterman 5 176 13
- ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—Alton—Chester 7 50; Pleasant Ridge 4 50; Whitehall 17. *Carro*—Galum 8 20; Pinckneyville 2 50; Pisgah 31; Richland 5. *Mattoon*—Charleston (Sab-sch 4 04) 16 17 92 17
- INDIANA, NORTH.—Crawfordsville—Bethany, additional 7; Covington 1st 10; Dayton 30; Lexington 15 50; Rockville 13 75. *Fort Wayne*—Auburn 28; Fort Wayne 1st, add'l 20; Millersburgh 6; Troy, add'l 25 cts. *Logansport*—Kentland 2 10; Wanatah 8 30. *Muncie*—Peru 62 40 203 30
- INDIANA, SOUTH.—Indianapolis—Danville 15; Georgetown 5; Indianapolis, Olivet 25. *New Albany*—Milltown 3 80; Oak Grove 3 60; St John's 10 50; Vevey (Sab-sch 6 30) 16 30. *Vin-*

* The contribution which was credited in the March Record to the Elmwood ch, Peoria Presbytery, should have been credited to the Prospect ch, and should read, "Prospect church 40; Elmwood church 16."

cennes—Clairborne 8; Howsville 7. *White Water*—Connersville Ger 23 60 122 80
 IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Andrew 3; Bellevue 5; Cedar Rapids 1st (a bal) 4 40; Farmer's Creek 2. *Waterloo*—Rock Creek 16 25 30 65
 IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Glenwood 7; Red Oak 6. *Des Moines*—Chariton 10; Garden Grove 8; Leon 5; Os-kaloosa Sab-sch 1 80. *Iowa*—Batavia 10; Kirkville 10; Kossuth 1st, Ladies' Soc'y 30 62; Mt Pleasant 1st 74 35. *Iowa City*—Brooklyn 4 65; Columbus City add'l 2; Davenport 39 49; Martinsburgh 5 35; Sugar Creek 5 35; Tipton (Sab-sch 2 15) 21 95; Wilton 3 25. *Nebraska City*—Humboldt 2 40; Marietta 5; Wahoo 5 257 21
 KANSAS.—*Highland*—Arvington Ger 4 25; Holton Ger 3 25; Washington 6. *Neosho*—Baxter Springs, add'l 1 50; Humboldt 6 32; New Chicago 4; Oswego 10 35 32
 KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Burlington 30; Newport, Columbia St 16. *Louisville*—Hodgensville 15 50; Hopkinsville 1; Salem 1 75; Col G T Wood 10. *Transylvania*—Munfordsville 4 88 25
 LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn 1st, Henry St (mon con) 19; Brooklyn, Lafayette Ave add'l 300; Brooklyn, South 3d St Sab-sch 30; Brooklyn Throop Ave (mon con) 29 60; Throop Ave Miss'n Sab-sch 100. *Long Island*—Moriches 25. *Nassau*—Glen Cove 10; Newtown 76 79 590 39
 MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Dearborn 12; Saline 12 60; Southfield 5. *Grand Rapids*—Grand Rapids, Westminster 24 15; Mission 5; Old Wing 4. *Lansing*—Oneida 5 50 68 25
 MINNESOTA.—*St Paul*—Pine City 7. *Winona*—Houston 10; Sheldon 10 27 00
 MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Butler 13; Lexington, a friend 10; Sugar Creek 5. *Ozark*—Ebenezer 11; Licking 3; Peace Valley 2. *Palmyra*—Kirksville 10. *Platte*—Be'hel 5; Breckenridge 5; Chillicothe 21; Gallatin 5; Grandview 3; Hamilton 8; New York Settlement 5; Trenton 4 25. *St Louis*—Kirkwood Sab-sch 25 44; Webster Groves 35 40 171 09
 NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Bethlehem, 25; Clinton Ladies' Sewing Soc'y 39; Cranford 10 33; Lamington 73; Rahway 1st 67 75; Rahway 2d 235. *Jersey City*—Hoboken 1st 51 30; Jersey City, Bergen 1st 243 72. *Monmouth*—Beverly 30 18; Bordentown 15 32. *Morris and Orange*—Mt Olive 22 36; Orange 2d (in part) 691 50. *Newark*—Newark 3d 301 29. *New Brunswick*—Flemington 329 61; Kingwood 20 50; Princeton 2d 4; Trenton 3d 212 21. *Newton*—Branchville (of which 35 from Woman's Soc'y) 69; Wau-tage 1st 26 30. *West Jersey*—Atco 5; Cape Island Sab-sch 17 75; Waterford 5; Williamstown 25 2556 12
 NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Amity 25. *New York*—New York, Church of the Covenant (150 Ladies Miss'y Soc'y through Ladies Board of Missions) 2672 29; New York, Madison Square ch (of which Mission ch and Sab-sch 250) 1300; New York West, (of which Faith Mission 250) 1367 56; New York 4th 1084 41; New York, 4th Avenue (mon con) 51 95; New York 5th Avenue and 19th Street (add'l) 5 00. *North River*—Middle Hope Sab-sch 5; Newburgh 1st (Sab sch 100) 360; Rondout, Miss Mary Hasbrouck's class 17 10. *Westchester*—Pots Memorial 40 11,923 31
 PACIFIC.—*Los Angeles*—Westminster 6 25
 PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Downingtown Central 20; Great Valley 15. *Lackawanna*—Canton Sab-sch 2; Carbondale Sab-sch 75; Harford. (add'l) 5. *Lehigh*—Easton Brainerd 150; South Bethlehem 6 19. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 10th (add'l) 220; Philadelphia Cedar St Sab-sch 30. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, Arch St (add'l) 10; Philadelphia, Chandler 19. *Philadelphia North*—Brideburg 75; Neshaminy Warwick 40 01. *Westminster*—New Harmony 10 677 20
 PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Black Lick 5 73; Fairfield and Union 39 15. *Redstone*—George's Creek 8 75; McKeesport 1st 112 30; Sewickley 15 25; Rev J P Carothers 12. *Washington*—Burggettstown 33 54; Fairview 44 58; Mt Pleasant 5; West Liberty 19 15. *West Virginia*—Lebanon 25 313 90
 TENNESSEE.—*Kingston*—Baker's Creek 5; Cloyd's

Creek 5; Unitha 10. *Union*—Mt Horeb 5; St Paul 5; Washington 4 10 34 10
 TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Belle Centre 4; Huntsville 4; West Liberty 7 80. *Huron*—Sandusky (add'l) 2. *Lima*—Harrison 4; Mt Jefferson 6; New Salem 3 60; Ottawa 25; Shanesville 2 40. *Maumee*—Bowling Green 20; Madison 4; Mt Salem 10 92 80
 WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Buffalo North, from Mrs T I Dudley 5. *Genesee*—Elba 23 10. *Rochester*—Rochester 1st Sab-sch 2 0; Rochester 3d 191 40, Sab-sch 155 43; Sparta 2d Sab-sch 3 472 50
 WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Chippewa Falls 4; Maiden Rock 6 50. *Lake Superior*—Marquette from Hon J W Edwards 170. *Milwaukee*—Bethany 3; Janesville 34 17. *Winnebago*—Robinsonville 10; St Sauveur 5; Weyauwega 5 237 67
 COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE 1944 27

Total received from churches, \$25,50 80

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Mrs Anna Sergeant Ger-hard, late of Philadelphia, Pa 2000; Legacy of Lucy Willcox, dec'd, late of Oxford, N Y 1000 less exchange 2=998; Legacy of Jane M Carr, dec'd, late of Island Creek Township, Ohio 100; Legacy of E Cummins, dec'd, late of Franklin Co, Pa 10; Ferry Ministry Fund 75 3,183 60
 MISCELLANEOUS.—R W Archibald, Esq, Scranton, Pa 10; "Cash," Meadville, Pa 2; "E" Thompson, Conn 5; "W J H" 50; "H M" 10; Mrs Dr W H Magill, Danville, Pa 3; Rev T S Childs, DD., Hartford, Conn 10; "Friends in Albany per A B" 100; Miss Sarah W Hall, Linwood, Pa 5; "F" 5; J R Groves 2; A E S 1; Annie's Missionary Box 2 42 205 42

Total in February, 1873 \$28,49 22

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CLOTHING.

1 box from the Ladies of Kossuth ch, Iowa, valued at 37 27
 3 Boxes from the Presbyterian Woman's Miss'y Soc'y of Dayton, Ohio, valued at 173 60
 1 box from the Ladies of Oxford 1st ch, N J, valued at 25 00
 1 box from the Ladies of Avondale ch, Ohio, valued at 100 00
 1 box from the Ladies Miss'y Society of Pitts-burgh 6th ch, Pa, valued at 180 00
 1 box from the Ladies of Binghamton 1st ch, N Y, valued at 270 00
 1 box from the Ladies' Benevolent Association of Newton ch, N J, valued at 144 22
 1 box from the Ladies of Reading 1st ch, Pa, valued at 164 00
 4 boxes from the Ladies of Morristown 1st ch, N J, valued at 1245 80
 1 box from the Ladies' Sewing Society of Sewickley ch, Pa, valued at 165 00
 4 boxes from the Ladies of Madison Square ch, N Y City. No value given.
 1 box from the Ladies of Plainfield 1st ch, N J, valued at 75 60
 2 boxes from the Ladies of Webster Groves ch, Mo, valued at 55 00
 1 box from the Home Missionary Society of Downingtown Central ch, Pa, valued at 96 30

\$2,750 59

HOME MISSION ROOMS,

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST THAT HE WOULD SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Luke x. 2. See also Isaiah xiv. 11, xliv. 3, and Luke xi. 13.

THE TREASURY.

The Board needs, to pay the demands of the collegiate year, soon to terminate, FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. Twenty-six thousand of this is to pay the appropriations due the students since March 1st, and debts, some of them still remaining from last year; nineteen thousand is needed for the May payments, a considerable part of which are specially desired at the theological institutions in April, on account of their closing about that time. It will require an earnest effort on the part of brethren of the ministry to meet these wants.

A PERMANENT MANUAL.

The Board sends out this spring a pamphlet, which for several years past has been very greatly needed, and often requested. The title is, "The Spirit and Work of the Board of Education; a Permanent Manual, for the use of ministers, elders, candidates for the ministry, and members of the Church."

The object is to cover in the most condensed form, (99 pages, 12mo.) the field of information needed in any way for the furtherance of the objects of the Board. Ministers will find that which is most important for the presentation of the cause from the pulpit; and contributors the great reasons for which the Church requests in its behalf their liberal aid. Presbyteries, Education Committees, professors, candidates and others, may find, under one head or another, so far as we can furnish it, the direction or facts which they need.

The FIRST PART is devoted to "Historical Precedents," from the appointments of the Old Dispensation until the present time. PART SECOND contains the Constitution of the Board, the Rules, and the Acts of Incorporation and Transfer granted by the Legislatures of Pennsylvania and New York. PART THIRD presents "Suggestions as to Duties related to the Work," such as are needed specially by ministers, teachers, and students. PART FOURTH collects together the principal arguments to show the "Necessity of Ministerial Education," drawn from the plan of salvation, the necessities of the Church, and the wants of mankind and the world. PART FIFTH sums up the "Present Fruits and Aims of the Presbyterian System."

The pamphlet would have been more acceptable to most readers had it been printed in larger type and on heavier paper. But it was desirable that the form, while sufficiently neat, should be one as economical as possible, for the sake of general distribution and use.

The Manual is sent to ministers and candidates. Copies can be obtained gratuitously, by any persons interested in the cause of Education, on application to the Secretary or Treasurer.

AN INVITATION FROM RICHARD BAXTER.

It is probable that the number of the printed copies of books written by Richard Baxter far exceeds that of the productions of any other uninspired man, ancient or modern, in Christian lands. Of two, in the list of one hundred and sixty-eight from his pen, some tens of thousands of copies are annually published, in almost every important language spoken by man. His "Call to the Unconverted," and

his "Saints' Rest" will bring sinners to the Saviour's cross for pardon, and prepare saints to behold their Saviour's face in joy on high, no doubt until the present "fourth watch" of the Church shall terminate in the light of "the morning" which is to come.

Baxter was deeply anxious for an increase of a godly, and yet well-educated ministry of the gospel. He joined with Manton, Bates, Poole, Calamy, and other ministers of his day, in forming a society to furnish aid to students, "principally in order to the ministry," at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Baxter wrote an earnest "Invitation" in behalf of this society, addressed more especially "To the rich that love Christ, the Church, the Gospel, and themselves." He begins with the cordial salutation, "I have here a happy opportunity to offer you an excellent benefit, by inviting you to an excellent duty." He presses the idea that the existence of an organized means of employing our money for the performance of good ends ought to be gratefully welcomed by those who truly wish to serve God with what he has entrusted to us as stewards. He exhorts persons of means to contribute liberally, "seeing it is undoubted that the work before you is of great importance to the honor of Christ, to the welfare of the Church, to the Protestant religion, to the souls of thousands, and to your everlasting benefit." He adds six great reasons for helping students preparing for the ministry. And he pleads with men in view of the commands and interest of Christ, and of the account which they must give to Him, to do their utmost to assist in this most important work. "You see here," he says, "that Christ is contented to be your debtor, at the usury of a hundred for one in this world, and in the world to come eternal life. The offer is so fair, and so unmatched, that I know not what can keep you from accepting it, unless it be that you dare not trust the word, the promise, the covenant of Christ. And whom then will you trust? who shall keep your wealth?" "Is he not to be trusted with your money? You will say you trust God, let us see now that you do not play the hypocrites." "Take heed how you refuse to do your best, lest God distract you before you are aware—and then hold it, or your souls, if you can! And say not but you were warned by a friend, that would have had you save your money and your souls by making the best of your Master's stock."

In his inimitable practical writings Baxter appeals, when he has opportunity, to Christians to assist in all possible ways the work of increasing a faithful and well-instructed ministry. We meet in them with such passages as the following:

"Endeavor to procure faithful ministers for men where they are wanting. *How shall they hear without a preacher?* Improve your interest and diligence to this end, till you prevail. Extend your purses to the utmost. How many souls may be saved by the ministry you have procured! It is a higher and nobler charity than relieving their bodies. What abundance of good might men do if they would support in academical education such youth as they have first carefully chosen for their ingenuity and piety, till they should be fit for the ministry!"

It were vain for any living mortal to attempt to add weight to the arguments of the greatest of English Presbyterian preachers of the gospel. There are no new ones, for these are ever fresh, and they are the most that can be said.

We can only address earnestly anew the all-important pleas of this "Invitation" to each minister and member of the Presbyterian Church of to-day. Every one of them just as much more demands consideration and effort now, as the world is more populous *now*, more men perishing *now*, gospel light clearer to the church *now*, providential agencies more effective *now*, all Christians tenfold richer *now*, Christ's kingdom nearer *now*, the day of final account closer *now*!

JESUS' LOVE FOR CHILDREN.

When on earth the Lord Jesus loved to take children in his arms and bless them. He set them before his disciples as models of humility and docility. He said that in heaven "their angels" have some peculiar privileges of access to the Father. And now that he has ascended to heaven he bestows peculiar blessings upon labors for their spiritual benefit.

Great revivals have usually gathered their largest number of converts from the young. Some of them, indeed, have originated with quite young children. In Tennessee, at the beginning of this century, a lad of nine years of age, named Davis McCorkle, was the first means whereby the spark was lighted. A letter written amidst the scenes of the revival says, that this child was wonderfully affected by a sacrament of the Lord's supper which he witnessed. On his return home he told another boy of his own age that he was "determined to serve the Lord," and begged him to alter his course and join him. The conversation of Davis so deeply affected the other boy that he ran home in great distress and threw himself upon a bed as if hurt or sick. At his request Davis was sent for. In a short time the two children burst out in praises, "in rapturous language, of redeeming love;" this was intermingled with prayers and crying, so that soon "the whole company" of the family and neighbors "were in tears." This was the beginning of the revival in Northern Tennessee.

In Pennsylvania and Ohio the schools were often scenes of spiritual power. Thus one minister writes in regard to the children of a school with which he was acquainted: "One day they gathered about their master, and a number of them told him of their undone state, begging of him to teach them Christ. Their concern became so great that they could not attend to the business of the school, but went to a neighbor's house and held society till night." "The children have been generally much exercised. They are never seen playing, but spend their intervals in reading, conversing about their soul's concerns, singing hymns, or going in little companies to the woods to pray. Out of thirty scholars it is hopeful that eighteen are truly pious."

In the New England States, and New York, the same grace of Christ to the children was manifest. A clergyman living in Connecticut said that, while in some places in that and the neighboring States the revival prevailed more among adults, in others it was "chiefly among children from about sixteen years old and under."

It was astonishing how even poor negro children, who had been brought up in the deepest ignorance, comprehended and accepted the salvation offered in Christ, and spoke of it in suitable and most affecting language. A minister cries out in wonder, regarding it:

"The counsel of the Lord, that shall stand, and he will do all his pleasure; whether it be by ordaining praise out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, or by bringing down the lofty looks of the great ones of the earth, and making them his willing people, in the day of his power. For who hath an arm like God?"

We have the highest encouragement to labor and pray for the conversion of children, and to plant in their hearts elevated ideas of "the chief end" of their being, and of the grace of Christ in coming into the world. How many of them may, by proper culture, be made "bright and shining lights in the world." How many may be fitted to be, in a variety of ways, the means of leading many souls, now wandering in the darkness of unbelief, or of heathenism, to Him who has said, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in he shall be saved."

DIVINE GUIDANCE TO A FIELD OF LABOR.

When the Rev. Elias Cornelius was solicited to occupy a new field of ministerial employment, he sought direction from God, by his word, his providence, the wants of men, and the counsels of Christian brethren, with the greatest anxiety. He wrote to a friend, saying,

"With my eyes turned to heaven, and death and the judgment before me, I am trying to ask, Lord, what wilt *Thou* have me to do? I desire to have my ears open to everything which is likely to make known *His will*. Everything else appears to me comparatively of no moment. We had better be in our graves, than to be in any other field than that which He has chosen for us."

This is the spirit which should fill the breasts of those who are going forth, in Christ's name, to guide sinners to the way of life.

RECEIPTS IN FEBRUARY 1874.

⚔ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Gloversville, add'l 50; Schenectady, East Ave 18	63 00
ATLANTIC.— <i>Knox</i> —Antioch	50
BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Frederick 7; Mt Airy, (Harmony) add'l 2; Piney Creek 18 50. <i>New Castle</i> —Pencader 7 88; Lower West Nottingham 19; Port Deposit Sab-sch 25. <i>Washington City</i> —Prince William 1st 5	84 38
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Otsego</i> —Cooperstown 59 81. <i>St. Lawrence</i> —Le Ray 2 50; Morristown 3 40. <i>Syracuse</i> —Syracuse 1st, add'l 5. <i>Utica</i> —Hoiland Patent 11 35; Utica 1st 50	132 03
CINCINNATI.— <i>Cincinnati</i> —College Hill add'l 6. <i>Dayton</i> —Middletown 38; Piqua 2d 25. <i>Portsmouth</i> —Portsmouth Ger, add'l 4	73 00
CLEVELAND.— <i>St. Clairville</i> —Crab Apple 7 90. <i>Stuebenville</i> —Monroeville 4 61, S J M 5—9 61; New Philadelphia 9	26 51
COLUMBUS.— <i>Athens</i> —Pomeroy 21. <i>Columbus</i> —Columbus 2d 100. <i>Wooster</i> —Wooster 43 77. <i>Zanesville</i> —Rev E Garland 50	214 77
ERIE.— <i>Allegheny</i> —Sewickley 45. <i>Erie</i> —Fairfield 8; Meadville 2d 29; Petroleum Centre, add'l 24. <i>Kittanning</i> —Kittanning 79 80; Westfield, add'l 10	195 80
GENEVA.— <i>Cayuga</i> —Cayuga 17 31; Port Byron 11	28 31
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Harrisburgh, Pine St 115 23; Mechanicsburgh 26 84. <i>Wellsboro</i> —Fall Brook 10	152 07
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.— <i>Schuyler</i> —Bushnell	7 00
ILLINOIS, NORTH.— <i>Chicago</i> —Chicago 2d 224 38. <i>Freeport</i> —Oakville 10 50	234 88
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Cairo</i> —Oak Grove 4. <i>Mattoon</i> —Assumption 4	8 00
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Crawfordsville</i> —Rockville 12 65. <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Huntingdon 3	15 65
IOWA, NORTH.— <i>Cedar Rapids</i> —Blairstown 6; Cedar Rapids 1st 10 40	16 40
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Iowa City</i> —Brooklyn	4 20
KANSAS.— <i>Neosho</i> —Neosho Falls	1 50
KENTUCKY.— <i>Ebenezer</i> —Maysville 1st 10. <i>Louisville</i> —Pewee Valley 20	30 00
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Long Island</i> —Westhampton 20 00	
MICHIGAN.— <i>Detroit</i> —Plymouth 1st 14. <i>Saginaw</i> —Vassar 6 50	20 50
MINNESOTA.— <i>St. Paul</i> —Delano 2; Independence 2; Long Lake 2; Rockford 2. <i>Winona</i> —Sheldon 4	12 00
MISSOURI.— <i>St. Louis</i> —St Louis 1st Ger, add'l 6 00	
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Rahway 1st, add'l 19 50. <i>Jersey City</i> —Hoboken 1st 20. <i>Newark</i> —Caldwell 52 35; Newark, Roseville, add'l 5. <i>New Brunswick</i> —New Brunswick 2d 25. <i>Newton</i> —La Fayette, add'l 6. <i>West Jersey</i> —Williamstown 10	137 85
NEW YORK.— <i>Boston</i> —Londonderry 14 35. <i>New York</i> —New York, Brick Chapel 66 63; New York, Madison Square, A R Wetmore 50; New York, 13th st 150; New York, 5th Ave and 19th St 1567 60. <i>North River</i> —Cornwall 18 68; Newburgh Calvary 11 03	1878 34
PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —Doe Run 6 81. <i>Lackawanna</i> —Coalville 5; Shickshinny 3. <i>Lehigh</i> —Allen Township 10; Summit Hill 13 52, Sab-sch 2 50, "P" 2 10, Jamestown Sab-sch 1 88=20. <i>Philadelphia, North</i> —Bridesburg 20. <i>Westminster</i> —Mount Joy 16; New Harmony 5	85 71
PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Fairfield and Union 35 80; Greensburgh 11 38; Salem 10. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —Monongahela City 38 30. <i>Washington</i> —Bethlehem 4; Hookstown 6	105 48
TENNESSEE.— <i>Kingston</i> —Forest Hill	5 00
TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Marseilles 3 30. <i>Lima</i> —Sidney 1st 12 32	15 62
WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Genesee</i> —Warsaw 44. <i>Rochester</i> —Caledonia 20; Dansville (add'l) 23 62; Rochester Memorial 7	94 62
WISCONSIN.— <i>Milwaukee</i> —Manitowoc 1st 4 62; Waukesha 10. <i>Winnebago</i> —Neenah 30; Oshkosh 6; Robinsonville 5; St Sauveur 5. <i>Wisconsin River</i> —Oxford 3	63 62
Total from Churches,	\$3,737 77
FROM COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE	672 52
REFUNDED.	
"E A II"	85 00
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Mrs L Cooley, Bath, N Y, 50; Interest on Jacobs Fund (in part) 175; a Friend, Dubuque 5; a friend to Board of Education 5; Presbyterian Office 2; E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y, 3; Mrs L B Gage, Concord, Ohio, 5; Rev J L Jenkins, Shawnee, Pa, 4; E Cummings, N Y, 10; Mrs A O Patterson, Glendale, Ohio, 10	269 00
Total receipts in February,	4,764 29
Receipts for current uses from April, 1873,	\$55,203 13
RECEIVED ON ACCOUNT OF THE SPECIAL DEBT OF THE BOARD:	
<i>Iby of Schuyler</i> —Prairie City ch	5 00
Amount previously acknowledged	\$3,875 12
Total received for the special debt of the Board to March 1st	\$3,880 12
E. G. WOODWARD, Treasurer,	
1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.	

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF MRS. HERRON.—We learn with great regret the death of Mrs. Herron, wife of the Rev. David Herron, at Dehra, India, January 11th, after a short illness. Her removal is a great loss to the mission, as well as to her family, but to herself it was surely gain to die.

DEATH OF MR. CONCEICAO.—On the 25th of December, the Rev. J. M. da Conceicao, of the mission in Brazil, departed this life. He was formerly a Roman Catholic priest, but was received into the church several years ago, and was a preacher of the gospel of rare power and promise. Afterwards he became subject to despondency through ill health, so that his usefulness was much lessened; but he was a sincere follower of Christ, and we trust he is now with him in glory.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—Mr. E. P. Newton and the ladies under his care have reached their stations in India. Mr. Farnham and his family sailed from San Francisco on the 1st of March, on their return to Shanghai. Special funds, either already given, or expected, provide for the expenses of the journey. Miss McFarren, of the mission at Bogota, has arrived in this country, on a visit.

ADDED TO THE CHURCH.—In the report of the Syria Mission, it is stated that sixty-two persons were received by all the churches, during the last year, on profession of their faith. In Mr. DaGama's report of his work in Brazil for the last year, he is permitted to mention sixty-eight persons as received as communicants by the churches under his care during the year, besides many children by baptism. At Peking, five new converts were admitted to the church, and at a station near Tungechow, two. One of these was an aged man, who having received a Christian tract by some means, came eighty miles to see the missionary. Six hopeful converts were added to the native church in Yedo on the first Sabbath of January.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.—The Presbytery of Peking received five young men under its care at its last meeting, who are seeking preparation for the ministry.

PRESBYTERY OF JAPAN.—The missionaries of the Board in this country, being now sufficient in number, were organized as a Presbytery, agreeably to the directions of the General Assembly, on the 30th of December.

PERSECUTION IN SHANTUNG.—In the last number of the *Record* the baptism of a large number of converts by Mr. Corbett was mentioned. Later advices state that a violent anti-foreigner and anti-Christian movement was made soon afterwards by the heathen, which rendered Mr. Corbett's situation one of great peril, but he succeeded in returning, with his children, in safety to Chefoo.

RECEIPTS TO APRIL 1st.—From churches, \$235,361; legacies, \$60,040; individual donors, \$30,186,—in all, \$325,589. Receipts in the same months last year, \$289,003. Receipts from churches and individual donors to March 1st, \$265,548; last year, in the same months, \$232,637.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO MARCH 13th.—From Chippewa Mission, February 24th; Omaha, February 6th; Dakota, March 2d; Creek, March 6th; Seminole, March 2d; Nez Percés, February 16th; San Francisco, February 18th; Yokohama, January 22d; Yedo, January 19th; Peking, December 8th; Tungechow, December 15th; Shanghai, January 12th; Canton, January 9th; Bangkok, December 29th; Ayuthia, December 20th; Chiengmai, November 25th; Allahabad, January 10th;

Mynpurie, January 8th; Saharunpur, January 23d; Lodiana, January 22d; Lahor, January 15th; Rawal Pindi, January 13th; Kolapore, January 24th; Ratnagiri, January 9th; Oroomiah, December 22d; Tabriz, January 26th; Beirut, January 26th; Abeih, January 22d; Monrovia, February 2d; Gaboon, January 2d; Rio de Janeiro, January 24th; Rio Claro, January 12th; Bahia, January 29th; Mexico, January 24th; Vera Cruz, February 17th; San Louis Potosi, January 13th.

A MISSIONARY WANTED FOR AN INDIAN STATION.

Our readers will remember the application of the Rev. J. P. Williamson for a missionary, to occupy a new station among the Dakota or Sioux Indians, to labor for a band of five thousand souls who have not yet heard of the Lord Jesus Christ. A generous friend has sent to the Board the money required to begin this work, and to support it for a year; and the Board has agreed to enlarge the Dakota Mission so as to include this new station—probably at Fort Peck, far up on the Missouri river. And now the missionary is wanted. He should be a man of earnest self-denying piety, of sterling good sense and good judgment, and one who knows how to get on well with men; a man of good health, and of practical business character. We trust the right man will soon be found, and for further particulars he may address the Rev. John P. Williamson, Greenwood, Dakota Territory.

NATIVE MINISTERS.

The importance of a native ministry has long been recognized by the friends of missions; it is no recent idea, as some think. In the Annual Reports of the Board it has been frequently brought forward. (See Report of 1837, page 23, and of 1838, page 21.) One of the first missionaries sent out, referring to "training up" . . . "a race of native preachers," wrote from Calcutta, April 21, 1834: "It must indeed be manifest that the Church cannot send forth a sufficient number of missionaries to educate the native population The best plan is to train up native preachers, by sending forth a sufficient number of missionaries to conduct the system by which they are to be prepared." This opinion has gained strength from a careful watching of the missionary world and work since this was written.

Under this general view, particular questions arise, which often require careful handling and a wise adaptation to the varying circumstances of different tribes and nations. Should this "training up" be in the mission field, or should native candidates for the ministry be sent to Christian countries for their higher education? Should it be in the vernacular language, or in English, or in both? To what extent should their education be carried, previous to their being ordained? Should it be in classes or schools under missionary teachers, or by separate instruction of the missionary at the station where the candidate lives? Should it be under "mission" direction, or that of the Presbytery? Should such native ministers be left in Presbyteries of their own, or associated with the missionaries in the same Presbyteries? These and other questions are evidently of practical importance, and they require ability, education, great consideration, and especially wisdom from on high, for their satisfactory solution. It is but too easy to make mistakes in regard to some of these questions. The missionaries themselves feel their need of divine guidance in these matters, and they should be aided by the prayers of the churches. No part of the missionary work stands more in need of prayer.

No discussion of these questions is at all intended in this brief article, yet two or three hints may be offered on certain points. 1. The plan which our blessed

Lord pursued in training the Apostles for their work seems well to suit missions to small tribes, and the earlier if not also the later stages of missionary work in most countries. Select a convert of good piety and capacity; bring him into close personal relations with the missionary—the more intimate and personal the better, if the missionary is himself a man of deep piety—and let this intimacy be so ordered as not to render him discontented with his native manner of life, though he may and will improve it, and also let it be so ordered as not to lead him to form expensive habits, making it difficult for the native church to support him as a pastor; place him under Presbyterial supervision when practicable; go on with his training day by day, with a steady purpose, a carefully considered plan, using the circumstances of every-day life among heathen people as offering lessons, but relying chiefly on the inspired Word carefully and prayerfully studied by both pupil and teacher, and exemplified by the teacher in tender sympathy with his scholar; keep him employed more or less in missionary work during all his course of preparation; and so by God's blessing train him up for usefulness. In the mean time, and all the time, keep him in sympathy and full acquaintance with his native Christian brethren, and upon their call and offer of support, according to their ability, let him be ordained as their pastor.

2. The foreign missionaries begin the work in any given field, but let their aim be from the beginning to secure its expansion by native laborers,—for many reasons.

3. Let both foreign and native ministers meet together in the same Presbytery—as not only in accordance with our church views, but as supplementing each other's deficiencies, fostering mutual sympathy, guarding well if not best against alienation or diversity of views, etc., etc.; and let this plan be pursued provisionally. When the native church of any country can stand alone, not needing foreign help, then of course it will set up for itself; and may this day soon come!

It may be added, by way of encouragement, that whereas in 1834 there were but very few native ministers,—in some countries none, in others here and there one,—in 1874 there are about three hundred, besides hundreds of candidates under training.

THE LATE MRS. HAPPER.

We take the liberty of printing here an extract from a private letter of the Rev. A. P. Happer, D.D., referring to his great bereavement by the death of his excellent wife. His letter was dated October 21.

"I received your letter of August, expressing your joy with me, on hearing of the conversion of ——. But sorrow follows joy in quick succession. My wife is not, for God hath taken her. She has been much of an invalid for eighteen months past, but more so for six months. Yet I did not anticipate so early a dissolution, and it came very unexpectedly at last. She got home from a visit to the seashore on the 3d of October, and we were in hope of improvement from the cool weather. But a very sudden and unexpected change in the disease occurred, and death soon did its work. And I and my family mourn the departure of one who was a great blessing to

us. What changes this may lead to I know not. I leave all to God.

"In any notice you may see best to take of her death, you may know that she was a child of the covenant. Her father was long an influential Elder in the Montours Church, Presbytery of Pittsburgh. She was converted very early in life, and gave herself to teaching, during a period of some twenty years, successively at Johnstown, Canonsburgh, Steubenville, Hollidaysburgh, Academia, Perryville, and Bloomfield. She was an active and working member in the church wherever her lot was cast. And there are many in all these places who will lament her death. She rejoiced that she was permitted to come to China, and she saw here blessed results in answer to her prayers. In the precious work of grace in our midst, she was rejoiced by seeing those who had been the special subjects of her prayers converted to God. I feel assured of your sympathy and prayers."

A MODEL INDIAN AGENT.

The Indian Agents are government officers. Many of them are nominated for appointment by the Missionary Boards of the different denominations. If they are the right kind of men, they can do a great deal of good to the Indians. See the following official report of the Superintending Agent concerning the Agent at Yakima, Washington Territory, a nominee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This interesting article is taken from the report for 1872 of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

"I was much pleased and surprised, on visiting the Yakima Reservation, in August last, to witness the splendid results of Agent Wilbur's labor with the people of his agency. He has fully demonstrated the truth of that generally doubted and *scouted* problem among Western people, the capability of Indians for permanent civilization and Christianization. I saw there finely cultivated farms, well built houses, barns, and other out-buildings, fences, ditches, etc.; many hay and grain stacks, numerous wagons, plows, threshing, reaping, and mowing machines, and other agricultural implements, all the property and mostly the work of Indians, who owned, besides, many cattle, horses, sheep, and hogs. They have also a large and well-attended school, and two churches, with full congregations of well-dressed, orderly and devout worshippers,—in short, all the appliances and indications of a well-established and healthy "civilization." This progress is due almost wholly to the efforts of Agent Wilbur, who has been with the Indians of that reservation in the capacity of missionary, teacher, or agent, almost continuously over twelve years, and through his thorough knowledge of Indian character, and his unselfish, untiring energy, firmness, kindness, zeal, and devotion to their best interests, has won entire confidence. Having no children of his own, he seems to have adopted the 3,000 Indians of his reservation, and personally knows and calls them all by name, and they respect and look up to him and to his excellent Christian wife as a father and mother. Being a man of excellent judgment and thorough practical business habits, his people come to him for advice in everything. He does not sit in his office or ride around his reservation, merely ordering

and directing what is to be done, but he takes hold with his own hands, and shows how work of various kinds should be done. He goes with the Indians to the mountains, camps with them, and, with axe, saw, and gad, assists and shows how to cut and haul saw-logs; with his carpenter, and assists in building houses and barns for the Indians; with the farmer, and instructs the Indians in cultivating, sowing, planting, harvesting, and threshing the crops. He leads and instructs in the churches and Sabbath-schools; he visits the sick and dying, and comforts the afflicted. He hears, decides, and settles disputes and difficulties, tries and convicts wrongdoers, admonishes the erring, and punishes the guilty. On his reservation he is the kind governor, wise legislator, just judge, stern sheriff, busy worker, and good instructor in all physical, moral, and religious duties; everywhere and at all times an earnest, practical working man, profitably employing every hour, and civilizing and improving those around him, both by precept and example. Considering Mr. Wilbur's mature age (being over sixty), his long experience among Indians, his probity and integrity, his energy and business habits, his peculiar fitness for the position he holds, the Indian Department cannot more certainly and effectually insure the rapid progress, civilization, and prosperity of Indians of the Yakima Reservation, than by granting everything he asks in his annual report, and letting him have his own way."

"MERIT-MAKING" AT CHIENGMAI.

The Rev. J. Wilson, of the Laos Mission, under date of December 23d, thus speaks of idol temple building at Chiengmai, and its motive. It requires faith to keep on preaching the gospel under the circumstances here described, but it also requires faith to preach the gospel aright anywhere; and the accompanying divine power is almighty.

By the blessing of God we are in our usual health, and are trying to do what we can of the work falling to our hands. The rains are evidently over, and the cold weather is beginning to come.

The princes and people of Chiengmai are all astir in the work of merit-making. Just now it takes the form of rebuilding the finest temple that was

erected in Chiengmai, and in gathering and shaping materials for the replacing, three or four months hence, of the temple on the top of the mountain with a new structure. All the sawyers of the city are on duty. Priests and people are busy with saw and chisel, and adze and plane. The large public court-yard is full of timber and workmen. A new king has come upon the throne, and the way to a long and successful reign must be sought in the building of these new memorials to Budha. How strange and how sad it all seems! But the *people* are not sad. For while their hands are busy, their tongues are busy too, and the frequent merry laugh tells of the joyous heart. They boast themselves in their work. The chief priests of the temples are there—one time passing among the workmen giving directions, then seated in groups upon their mats, spread sometimes in the large *sola*, and sometimes on the green sward, under the shelter of the bamboo matting and the leaf awnings that have been stretched above the workmen. They are treated by all with the greatest reverence. The day is theirs, for in every honor shown to Budha they have a share. Every day does the king come from his palace to inspect the work and to testify his interest in it. His highest noblemen, and even princes, consider it a privilege and an honor to help to frame the timbers for these temples. And so the work goes on, and Budha is remembered.

Yesterday I passed through the temple that is so soon to be refitted. The walls of the old building had been taken down and removed. The foundation of the floor still remained. The principal idols were sitting in their old places. The smaller ones were sitting in groups under the shade of the trees. The larger ones cannot be removed, but have been covered with split bamboo to prevent injury while the building is going up. The smaller ones are waiting patiently until the temple is completed, and they are carried back to their places.

The building just removed was put up nearly a hundred years ago, and with occasional patching has lasted until now. And what will be the history of the new one? Will Budhists worship their idols there a hundred years to come? Or shall it have crumbled into ruins, and temples for the worship of the living God have risen up around it? The present is dark, and faith is often weak, but the promises are bright,

and the word of the Lord endureth forever. The men at work were too busy for interruption, so I turned away with a sad heart.

The rice crop, which promised so poorly the early part of the season, has become an abundant one. God gave the latter rain in just the proper time and quantity, so that the complaints of the people have given place to rejoicing. Oh, that they knew and loved the hand that feeds them so bountifully!

LIBERALITY OF A CHINESE CONVERT.

The Rev. D. N. Lyon, of Hangchow, under date of December 1st, sends the following little narrative. It is one of interest, particularly as showing the views likely to be taken by native Christians in China of an important practical subject.

Yesterday was our communion here, but no additions. We started the subscription paper for the pastor's salary for the year. One old church member said he thought they ought to pay the salary by apportioning it among the members of the church, but others objected that the church had not the ability to do that yet. But the old man set a good example by increasing his subscription from seven to ten cash per day, which would be three dollars for the year. This man works for four thousand cash a month and boards himself, so that his whole income for the year is less than forty dollars. If out of this he gives three for the pastor, and perhaps a dollar or so more to the poor fund, it is doing pretty well, I think. I wish the Church at home was as liberal, according to her means, as this native Christian. We have little fear but that the Chinese will do a very fair thing in Christian liberality, when they are better able. They are, as yet, but a "feeble folk," and a good deal of allowance must be made.

As to the prospect of the work here, I think it all depends on our faith. Preaching we do daily, good gospel preaching, having Christ crucified all-prominent. This gospel ever has been and is still the power of God and the wisdom of God unto salvation to perishing men. Tell the churches to leave off finding fault, and believe God. Christ says to the church to-day, "According to your faith be it unto you."

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN FEBRUARY 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Gloversville 247 45; Princetown ch 22 50; Galway ch 21 75, Sab-sch 5 65—27 40; East Ave ch, Schenectady 105; 2d ch, Amsterdarn 25. *Champlain*—Essex ch 25; Au Sable Forks ch 6; Fort Covington ch 15. *Troy*—Mechanicsville ch 3 50; Johnsonville ch Sab-sch 25; Park ch, Troy 51; Olivet ch, Lansingburgh 53 50 606 35

ATLANTIC.—*Knox*—Antioch ch 50

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Bel Air ch 4 50; 12th ch, Baltimore 25; Brown Mem'l ch 111 62, Mrs E Harrison 50—161 62; Taneytown ch 70 44. *New Castle*—Elkton ch 33 20; Port Deposit ch 21 21; Red Clay Creek ch 45 29; Manokin ch 27 95; Lower Brandywine ch 11; Georgetown ch 8; Cool Spring ch 14, Sab-sch 13—7; Central ch, Wilmington 66 40. *Washington City*—Georgetown ch 67 79; West St Sab-sch, Georgetown, for Indian Missions 25; North ch, Washington, to sup girl in Persia 28; 4th ch, Washington 79 62; Clifton ch 25 70 727 72

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—First ch, Binghamton 45 40, Sab-sch, sp 30=75 40; 1st ch Waverly 23 20; 1st ch, Coventry 20; Courtland ch 103, Sab-sch 26 64—129 64; Nichols ch Sab-sch, sp, for China 20; 1st ch, Oswego 138; Bainbridge ch 36, a friend 69—105; McGrawville ch 43 47, Sab-sch, for China 5=48 47; 2d ch, Coventry 100; 1st ch, Smithville Flats 18. *Utsego*—Unadilla ch 16 67; Franklin ch 10 25; Shavertown ch 1 30; Delhi S B-sch, sp for China 50; 1st ch, Hamden 14; Oneonta ch 10 81; Gilbertville ch Sab-sch 13 05; 1st ch Sab-sch, Stamford, sp, for China 3. *St Lawrence*—First ch, Oswegatchie 50, Sab-sch, sp, for China 80—130; Hammond ch 28 40; 1st ch, Watertown 362 88; Cape Vincent ch Sab-sch, sp, for China 10; Stone st ch, Watertown 65, Sab-sch, sp, for China 5=70; 2d ch, Oswegatchie 4; Oxbow ch 26 06, Sab-sch 21 50—47 56. *Syracuse*—First Ward ch, Syracuse 20 94; Park Central ch, Syracuse 252, Adult Bible Class 34—286; Constantia ch 4 03; 1st ch, Cazenovia 80 44; Lyander ch 17, Ladies 10, Sab-sch, for China 3=31; Fulton ch 30. *Utica*—Vernon Central ch 8; Clayville ch 20; 1st ch, Camden 21, Sab-sch, sp, for China 4=23; Rome ch 87 70; Oneida ch 80, Sab-sch, sp 50—130; 1st ch, Waterville 54, Sab-sch 10=64; Westernville ch 45; Augusta Centre ch 12 2,562 72

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Mt Pleasant ch 8 70; 1st ch Sab-sch, Greenfield 10. *Cincinnati*—Delhi ch 25 54; Avondale ch 200; College Hill ch 21 17; Somerset ch Sab-sch 11 10; 1st ch Walnut Hills 60 09; 2d Ger ch Sab-sch, Cincinnati 32 12; Pleasant Ridge ch 10; Harrison ch 15 86. *Dayton*—Hamilton ch 4, Sab-sch 4 50—8 50; Somerville ch 34 33; Seven Mile ch 23 41; New Jersey ch 11; 1st ch, Dayton 7; 3d St ch, Dayton 489; Xenia ch Sab-sch, for India 60; 1st ch, Springfield 189 75. *Portsmouth*—Eckmansville ch 10; Jackson ch 52 21; Decatur ch 21 50; 1st ch Gallipolis 17, Sab-sch 17=34; Red Oak ch 11 50 1346 83

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Northfield ch 7; Colamer ch 55; 1st ch, Cleveland 240; Kingsville ch 5 23; Willoughby ch 4 40; Strongsville ch 9 80; Rev D Witter and wife 5. *Mahoning*—Ellsworth ch 45; 2d ch, Massillon 21 05; Youngstown ch 31 98; Jackson ch 14 30; Pleasant Valley ch 5; Leontia ch 10; Brookfield ch 2. *St Clairsville*—Bealsville ch 13; Poshattan ch 6. *Staubenville*—Old ch Sab-sch Steubenville 5; 1st ch, Irondale, for China 13 25; Mt Pleasant ch 48 10; New Hagerstown ch 21; Madison ch 4 35; New Harboursburgh ch 3; Island Creek Sab-sch, sp, for China 16; Monroeville ch 4 61; Harlem ch 7 50; Kilgore ch 13 90 631 47

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Colorado Springs 8; Golden ch 16 24 00

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Syracuse ch 2 37; Bashan ch 4 50; Chester ch 4 83; Marietta ch 4 75,

Prof S S Orris 10=14 75; Beach Grove ch 8 35. *Columbus*—First ch, Lancaster 24. *Marion*—Corinth ch 30; Delhi ch 6, Morris Humphries 10=16; Marysville ch 11; Radnor ch 6; Berlin ch 3 55. *Wooster*—Congress ch 13, Sab-sch 4 58—17 58; Ashland ch 105 77; Olivesburg ch 10; Chester ch 13 29. *Zanesville*—Jefferson ch 5 65, Sab-sch 8 28=13 93; Coshocton ch 42, Sab-sch, to sup child at Mynpurie 60=102; Granville ch 105; Homer ch 2 70; Norwich ch, add'l 5 500 62

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Cross Roads ch 17 10, Sab-sch 10=27 10; Plains ch 10, Dorcas Soc'y 10=20; North ch, Allegheny 2519; Fairmount ch 10 50; Bakerstown ch 20 40; Valley ch 25; Hiland ch 43 87. *Butler*—Centre ch 52 47; Harrisville ch 17 60; Amity ch 9 04; Scrub Grass ch 55; Concord ch 61 25; North Butler ch 7; New Salem ch 30. *Clarion*—Perry ch 10; New Rehoboth ch 10; 1st ch, Troy 71 15; Academia Sab-sch 3 80; Oak Grove ch 3 50. *Erie*—First ch, Girard 55 80, Sab-sch, for child at Dehra 31=35 80; Tideoute ch 50; Union City ch 9 50; Georgetown ch 22; 2d ch, Meadville 37 70; Greenville ch 49, Sab-sch, for youth at Mynpurie 75=124; Rev R McCachren, Meadville 10. *Kittanning*—First ch, Kittanning 22 34; Bethesda ch 4; Mechanicsburg ch 3; Plumville ch 5; Cherry Run ch 5; Worthington ch 52; West Glade Run ch 34; Rural Valley ch 35 41; Ebenezzer ch 36 44, Sab-sch 5 34=41 78; Clarksburg ch 12 65, Sab-sch 8 35=21; Washington ch 8 87; Centre ch 5; Elderton ch 14 70. *Shenango*—Hermon ch, to sup boy at Sahanpur 50; 1st ch Sab-sch, New Castle 20; Nehanock ch 46 40; Westfield ch Sab-sch 15; Industry ch 10; Unity ch 57 50; Little Beaver ch 8 40 3795 08

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Central ch, Auburn 100; 1st ch, Victory 12; Aurora ch 15; Sennet ch 18. *Chemung*—Eddytown ch, Mrs Ayres 50; Tyrone ch 1 43; Sugar Hill ch 64 ets; Watkins ch 27 98; Hammondsport ch 16 35; Corning ch 20. *Geneva*—First ch, Manchester 10; Penn Yan ch 148 16; Romulus ch 25 444 56

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Second ch, Carlisle 135 77; Waynesboro Sab-sch 17 75; Big Spring ch 160; Falling Spring ch 200; Millerstown ch 17 55. *Huntingdon*—Lewistown ch 72; Sinking Valley ch 39 59; Birmingham ch 348 91, Warrior's Mark Sab-sch 43 80=392 71; Shade Gap ch 11 10; Fruit Hill ch 7 20; Mifflintown ch 87, Sab-sch 15=102; Lost Creek ch 65; Milesburg ch 20 32; Snow Shoe ch 3 08; Mo-hannon ch 2 35; Altoona ch 22 26; Fannettsburgh Sab-sch 27, Frankie's Mission Box 93 ets=27 93; McVeytown ch 28 30; Williamsburg ch 40; Yellow Creek 8 50; Tyrone ch 40; Huntingdon ch, add'l 5, Sab-sch, for Jacob Miller sch 25, Infant class 24, Maggie's savings 5, Little boy's silver dollar 1, for Canton sch=60; Upper Lusatiana ch 10. *Northumberland*—Second ch, Williamsport 32 60; Washington ch 40 10; Sunbury ch 52 64; Hartleton ch 6 50; Berwick ch 10; Grove ch 40, Sab-sch, for Africa 30=70. *Wellsboro*—Lawrenceville ch 24; Coudersport ch 5 1724 25

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Towanda ch 33; Paxton ch 5 38; Danville ch 79. *Peoria*—John Knox ch 17 25, a friend 10=27 25; Eureka ch 10 35; Knoxville ch 108 25; 1st ch, Elmwood 38; 1st ch, Yates City 27; Brunswick ch 6; Salem ch 1 50. Pastor and wife 1 50, Sab-sch 6=9. *Schuyler*—1st ch, Rushville 18 57; Augusta ch 13; Carthage ch 27, Sab-sch 5=32; 1st ch, Warsaw 8 20; Prairie City ch 17, Sab-sch 3=21; Mascow ch 47; Ebenezzer ch 19; Doddsville ch 5, Sab-sch 3 60=8 60; Camp Creek ch 1; Bushnell ch 7. *Springfield*—First ch Jackson-ville, Prentiss Fund 100; Petersburg ch 55 65; 1st ch, Springfield 119 04 792 29

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—First ch, Chicago 300; Austin ch 5; Noble st ch 5, Sab-sch 5=10; East Wheeland Sab-sch 7 50; Grace ch Sab-sch for ch at San Luis Potosi 50; 8th ch, Chicago

38 88. *Freeport*—South ch, Galena 75 45; 1st ch, Rockford 32 32. *Ottawa*—Granville ch 5; Streator ch Sab-sch. Coal Shaft sch, No 3, 1 45; Earlville ch 5. *Rock River*—Edgington Sab-sch 3 50; 1st ch, Princeton 51; Andover ch 4; North Henderson ch 55; Hamlet ch 4 80; Fulton ch 19 08; Peniel ch 22 689 98

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Plainview ch 1 40; Virden ch 8 66; Zion Ger ch 10; Hardin ch 10; Litchfield ch 25. *Cairo*—Metropolis ch 2. *Mattoon*—Pana 1st ch 16 50; Taylorsville ch 6 70; Dalton City ch 2 50; Hebron ch 10 85 36

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—West Point ch 6; Delphi ch 23; Rockfield ch 10; Pisgah ch 6, Rev A Jones 5=11; Rock Creek ch 7 75; Bethany ch 30; Williamsport ch 2 40. *Fort Wayne*—Albion ch 15; La Grange ch 6; Lima ch 8 70; Murray Sab-sch 6 80; 1st ch, Elkhart 6 30; Pleasant Ridge ch 26, Sab-sch 13 75, A Friend, dec'd, 25 cents=40; Franklin ch 4. *Logansport*—Crown Point ch 2; Mishawaka ch 17; Hebron ch 1 75; 1st ch, Valparaiso 32 45. *Muncie*—La Gro ch 6; Union City ch 6; Wabash ch 20 40; Shiloh ch 4 20 266 75

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Second ch, Indianapolis 42; New Hope ch 3 70; 3d ch Indianapolis 80; Greenwood ch 11, Sab-sch Mrs Dean's Class 4 = 15; Hopewell ch 45. *New Albany*—Second ch, New Albany 60; 1st ch Sab-sch, Madison 32 38; Orleans and Paoli ch 7 50; Utica ch 1 60; 1st ch, New Albany 73 20; Jeffersonville Sab-sch, to ed boy in India 55 50; Mt Vernon ch 9. *Vincennes*—Vine st ch, Evansville 44, Sab-sch 63 80=97 80; 1st ch, Terre Haute 22 60; Princeton ch Sab-sch 3; Petersburgh ch 1 549 18

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Union ch 4; Cedar Grove ch 4; Strongsville ch 5; Linn Grove ch, add'l 1; Clarence ch 16 50, Rev C W Treadwell 5=21 50; 1st ch, Bellevue 3 90; Andrew ch 1 55; Farmer Creek ch 2. *Dubuque*—Pleasant Grove ch 6; Pleasant Prairie ch 2; Winthrop ch 13 35; Manchester ch 3 75. *Fort Dodge*—Sioux City ch 24; Cherokee ch 3; Storm Lake ch 2; Fort Dodge ch 8 00. *Waterloo*—Cedar Falls ch 22; Rock Creek ch 80 cts 128 35

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Des Moines*—Corydon ch 1 00; Adel ch 7; Waukee ch 2; Woodburn ch 3; Russell ch 2. *Iowa*—Kirksville ch 10; Ottumwa ch 6 50; 1st ch, Burlington 80 95, Sab-sch 50 91, to ed boy at Peking 30=161 86; Libertyville ch 4; Farley ch 10; Epworth ch 4; Middletown ch 8; Morning Sun ch 33, D C T 10=41; 1st Westminster ch, Keokuk 32 82. *Iowa City*—Walcott ch 4; Keota ch 10; Lafayette ch 1. *Nebraska City*—Tecumseh ch 3; Simeon ch 75 cents 314 53

KANSAS.—*Neosho*—First ch, Ottawa 2 84; 1st ch Sab-sch, Chetopa 1 92; 1st ch, Neosho Falls 3 50; Lancaster ch 4. *Topeka*—Oskaloosa ch 6 85; 1st ch, Lawrence 57 85 76 96

KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Burlington ch 50; 1st ch Sab-sch, Covington 151 20. *Louisville*—Walnut st ch 7 46; 4th ch, Louisville 57 50 266 16

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Lawrence st ch Sab-sch 30; Lafayette ch, in part 877 39; 1st ch, Dr. Seaver's, add'l 25; Edgewater ch 12 37; S uth 3d st ch, Williamsburg 35, Miss sch 30=65. *Long Island*—West Hampton ch 35; Southampton ch 102 60; Islip ch 16 20. *Nassau*—First ch, Astoria 23 26; 1st ch, Huntington 286 89 1,473 71

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Westminster ch Detroit, 16 66; Fort st ch, Detroit 9 33; East Nankin ch 10; Mt Clemens ch 52; Milford Sab-sch 5. *Grand Rapids*—Westminster ch, Grand Rapids 30. *Kalamazoo*—Three Rivers ch 99 75; 1st ch, Decatur 31. *Lansing*—Marshall ch 75 55. *Monroe*—Hudson ch 12. *Saginaw*—First ch, Saginaw City 41 75; Au Sable and Osceola ch 6 60 476 64

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—First ch, Winnebago City 10; 1st ch, Le Sueur, to sup boy at Peking 11. *St Paul*—Westminster ch, Minneapolis 141 58, Sab-sch 23 28=169 86; Farmington ch

2 55; Empire ch 1 75; Eureka ch 2 75; Andrew ch 24 35. *Winona*—Fairmount ch 7; Rustford ch 3; La Crescent ch 5 11 237 37

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Tipton ch 7. *Palmyra*—Kirkville ch 11; Shelbyville ch 1; Clarence ch 1 57; Sullivan ch 2 64; Bird's Eye Ridge ch 1 32. *Platte*—Hackberry ch 3 20; Hamilton ch 8; N Y Settlements ch 5; Oak Grove ch 3 35; Trenton Sab-sch 2; 1st ch, Mirabile 5 25; Weston ch 7. *St. Louis*—Washington Sab-sch 4; Kirkwood Sab-sch 25 43; Webster Grove ch 35; Nazareth ch 13 16; Zoar ch 10; Emanuel ch 14; C Reugge 20=34 179 92

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—First ch, Rahway 127; Central ch, Summit 26; Clinton ch Ladies' Soc'y to con Mrs F A Kline, *Life Member* 39; 1st ch, Cranford 36 33; Westminster ch, Elizabeth 3 32; Westfield ch 18; Summit, West ch 15 43; Pluckamin ch 8 63; 3d ch, Elizabeth 23 20. *Jersey City*—First ch Sab-sch, Bergen, sp for China 50. *Monmouth*—Manchester ch 2 70; Jamesburg ch 20; Farmingdale ch 5; Fort Washington Sab-sch 5 50; 1st ch Sab-sch, Toms River, sp for China 20. *Morris and Orange*—Central ch, Orange 168; Parsippany Sab-sch, sp for China 20; 1st ch, Orange 215; Rockaway Sab-sch, sp for China 34 09. *Newark*—Park ch 26 91; Lyons Farms ch 100; 1st ch, Newark 454; Central ch, Newark 170; 3d ch, Newark 57 89; South Park ch 507 24. *New Brunswick*—1st ch, Lambertville 259, Sab-sch 41, sp for China 100=40; 2d ch, Princeton Mite boxes for Benita 50; Kingwood ch 38; Kirkpatrick Memorial Sab-sch 20, sp for China 10=30; 3d ch Trenton 2 2 92; Alexandria ch 14 21, Sab-sch 9 43=23 64. *Newton*—Yellow Frame ch 11 34; Sparta ch 11, Sab-sch 15=26; Lafayette ch 5; Branchville ch 56 65. Ladies' Society 40. Sab-sch, sp for China 3=99 65; Newton ch, to sup Mr Hardin Syria 127 94; 2d ch Sab-sch, Belvidere, sp for China 25. *West Jersey*—Williamstown ch 35; 1st ch, Bridgeton 215 3,702 01

NEW YORK.—*Boston*—First ch, Newburyport 39 13; Bedford ch 40 83. *Hudson*—First ch, Florida 42 35; 1st ch, Montgomery 60; Amity ch 30; Stony Point ch 24 50; Scotchtown ch 2 50; Goodwill ch 40 80; Middletown, 1st ch 21 02; Middletown, 2d ch 30 53; Milford ch 4 80; Ramapo ch 5 20; Cochection ch 2; Hempstead ch 2 54; Liberty ch 9 07; Hamptonburg ch 11; Port Jervis ch 14. *New York*—Fifth Ave and 19th st ch, add'l 5,085; Memorial ch 586; 4th Ave ch 133 32; Rutgers ch 138 54; Sea and Land ch 4 40; Phillips ch 10 72; Scotch ch, Jas Riddle 5; Manhattanville Sab-sch, Sallie E Cummins 1; Theodore Cummins 50 cents = 1 50; Murray Hill ch 114 02; Washington Heights ch 20; Harlem ch 4 45; Brick ch Chapel 14 50. *North River*—Middle Hope Sab-sch 5; Maiden ch 42 94; Calvary ch, Newburg 17 53; 1st ch, Pleasant Plains 33 31; Rondout Sab-sch 107 13; Poughkeepsie ch 35 40. *Westchester*—South Salem ch 80; South Greenburg Sab-sch for native preacher at Ningpo 200; 1st ch Hartford 24, Little Maggie Grierson 1=25; 1st ch, Yonkers 386; Bridgeport ch 105, Sab-sch for Gaboon boat, 25=130; 1st ch, Peekskill 113 47, inon con 36 24=149 71 7,739 74

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—First ch, Tomales 5 05. *Oregon*—First ch, Portland 64 45 69 50

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Upper Octorara ch 99 32; Great Valley ch 30, Sab-sch 16 25=46 25; Central ch, Downingtown 1; New London ch 10 80. *Lackawanna*—Wilkesbarre ch 3 8 69, for Lebanon schs 140=478 69; Monroeton ch 4; Montrose ch 35; Rushville ch 4; Stevensville ch 5; Carbondale ch 7, Sab-sch 5=57; Canton ch 39 37, Sab-sch for Syria 6 4, E C Sab-sch 2=48; Plymouth ch 12 25, Sab-sch for Syria 7 50=19 75; Ararat ch 3; Gibson ch 8; 1st ch, Mahanoy City 17 53; Waymart ch 16 50; Prompton ch 8 50; Dunmore ch 12; Scranton ch, for Lebanon schools 165; Meshoppen ch 10; Longcliffe ch 5 20. *Lehigh*—Mauch Chunk ch 31 90; Shenandoah ch 2 40; Weatherly ch 6; Lower Mount Bethel ch 23 48; 1st ch, Poitsville 176;

Mountain ch 8; Bangor ch 10; Shawnee ch, add'l 25 cents; Brainerd ch, Easton 315. *Philadelphia*—Tabernacle Sab-sch 25; Wharton st ch 75 25; 2d ch, Miss Sarah Burkhardt 5. *Philadelphia Central*—Toga st ch 20; West Arch st ch 123 8; 1st ch, Northern Liberties 515; Bethesda ch 67 31; Kensington ch 100; Spring Garden ch 33 76; Oxford ch, in part 365 18; Princeton ch 260. *Philadelphia North*—Manayunk ch 32; 1st ch, Germantown 750; Plumsteadville ch 4; Carversville ch 2; Port Kennedy ch 9 40; 1st ch, Bridesburg 111; Huntingdon Valley ch 7; Market Square ch, Germantown 15 37. *Westminster*—New Harmony ch 5; Lancaster ch 53 50; Strasburg ch 27 56, Sab-sch 26 65=54 21; Mt Joy ch 5 4 660 37

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Greensburg ch 55; Cross Roads ch 30 60; Black Lick Sab-sch 1; Ligonier ch 11; Pleasant Grove ch 9; Lutrope ch 53 35; Johnston ch 70; Unity ch 51 75; Irwin ch 23, Sab-sch 47=70. *Pittsburgh*—Monongahela City ch 121 05; Centre ch Sab-sch 10; 3d ch, Pittsburgh 10; East Liberty ch 193 08; Forest Grove ch 60; Hazlewood ch 62 90; Mt Pisgah ch 20 25; Mingo ch 41 45; Mt Washington ch 15; Raccoon ch 140 75, Sab-sch 20 78=161 53; Sharon ch 30 75; Springdale ch 5 70; Shady Side ch 106 34; 2d ch, Pittsburgh 100; Oakdale ch 14 40. *Redstone*—New Providence ch 39, Sab-sch 24=63; Greensboro Sab-sch 7; Pleasant Unity ch 24; Little Redstone ch 47; Fayette City ch 21; Round Hill ch 29 46; Mt Pleasant Re-Union ch 6 40; Long's Run ch 31. *Washington*—West Alexander ch 173 50, Sab-sch to sup child at Dehra 25 25=198 75; Pigeon Creek Sab-sch, to sup child at Trenchow 31 30; Holiday's Cove ch 53; Three Springs ch 12; Upper Ten Mile ch 26 58, Sab-sch 13 42, Josie and Willie 1 25=41 25; Frankford Springs ch 22; 4th ch, Wheeling 4 80; Mt Prospect ch 60 60; Fairview ch 70 34. *West Virginia*—Wellsburg ch 25; Sistersville ch 10 2,079 05

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Wells ch 3 75; Salem ch 10; Mt Bethel ch 2. *Kingston*—Clover Hill ch 1; Cloyd's Creek ch 2 50. *Union*—Westminster ch 2 80; 2d ch, Knoxville 205 40, Sab-sch for Persia 75=280 40; Rev E N Sawtelle 1 25, 303 70

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bucyrus ch 17 46; 1st ch, Bellefontaine 10 80; Belle Centre ch 5 60; Marseilles ch 5 15. *Huron*—Huron ch 14; Fremont ch 18; Norwalk ch 137 50, Sab-sch for Persia 110=247 50; Melmore ch 5 50; Bloomville ch 8 75; Tiffin ch 10 60. *Lima*—Delphos ch 5 34; Ada ch 4. *Maumee*—Union ch 2 40; Hicks-ville ch 5 30; Mt Salem ch 7; 1st ch, Bryan 7 75; 1st ch, Defiance to sup sch at Gaboon 15 390 15

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Wesfield ch 13 60; Westminster ch, Buffalo 33 52; Fredonia ch 105; East Hamburg ch 5; Calvary ch, Buffalo 78 30, to sup child in Syria 50=128 30; Clarence ch 10; 1st ch, Alden 11. *Genesee*—Castile ch 5; Oakfield ch 10; A-tica ch 137 40; 1st ch, Pike 23; 1st ch, Le Roy 63 18; Tonawanda Valley ch 8; Warsaw Sab-sch, for China 25; 1st ch, Bergen 9 42, Sab-sch 7 06=16 48; Bethany Centre ch 8 75; Perry ch 27 13; Portageville Sab-sch, sp 10; 1st ch, Wyoming 56, Sab-sch, for China 31=87; Batavia ch 9; 72. *Genesee Valley*—Alleghany Sab-sch, sp 5. *Niagara*—Holly ch 21 50, Sab-sch sp, for China 7 60=32 10. *Rochester*—Lima ch 6 32; Central ch, Rochester 91 20; Nunda Sab-sch, sp, for China 10; 3d ch Rochester 235 98, Sab-sch 155 43=391 41; Webster ch 32 80; Brockport ch 85; Rev Willis G Gaylord, Rochester, for Canton 5 1488 01

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Black River Falls ch 5 25; Neshanic ch 24, Sab-sch 3 40=27 40; Neils-ville ch 7; Nasonville ch 5. *Milwaukee*—Delta-field ch 3; Linn-nuel ch, Milwaukee 240 52; 1st ch, Beloit 130. *Winnelago*—Robinsonville ch 10; St Sauveur ch 5. *Wisconsin River*—Fancy Creek ch 3 25; Richland City ch 1 75; 1st ch Sab-sch, Kilbourne City 3 25 411 42

Woman's Board F M, Albany 200; Ladies' Board of Missions, N Y 2885 25; Woman's Board

Foreign Missions, Phila., 5391 02; Woman's Board of Missions, Northwest 876 93 9333 20

Total receipts from Churches in February, 1874 \$18,188 47

LEGACIES.—Bequest of Miss Ann S Gerhard dec'd 10th ch, Phila 3000; Estate of E Cummins, Pa 10 3010 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—A Friend J L 85; J K Graves 2; S H McDonald 4 50; A Lady 1; S D Powel, Atty for Rev I Miller, from a fund left by T Cope, dec'd, Phila, for ed in Africa 87; Lyndon Sab-sch, Ohio 2; Rev W E Honeyman, Col 10; Mrs S W Hall, Livonia, Pa 5; Little Willie's, dec'd, gift for the heathen 1 15; Miss C N Watts, Charlotte, N C 3; A Friend, per A B, Albany 100; Rev D C McCoy and family, Peking, China 50; J W B 50; Cash 1 15; Martin H Cheadle 5; A Friend 10; Rev George Morris, Baltimore 2000; Samuel Waddle, Kossuth, Iowa 5; Rev W H Welles, Kingston, Pa, for Lebanon schs, Syria 70; Mrs S Salmon, Hanover, Mass, for Lebanon schs, Syria 25; Andrew Porter 10; Little Sarah B Jorman, Petosky, Mich 25 cents; H S Elliott, New Florence, Pa 6 90; Lenox Collegiate Institute, Iowa 6; Rev W Hall, Steamburg, N Y 25; C Chisholm, Holland, Mch 3 75; Mrs W Minister, for sch in Syria 10; Mrs E Howell, L I 4; Rev Dr T S Childs, Hartford 10; A Friend to sup Dr Davenport 2; Mr D H Platt 20 75; Rev W W Atterbury, N Y 50; G L R 15; Rev C E Johnson, Seymour, N Y 5; Rev D S Blake, Pittsburg 10; A Friend 10; Eliza H Wakeman, N Y 200; Foreign Ev. ch Hilho, Sandwich Islands, for Mexico 35 30; Cash 5; W H Hart 5; "S" of Liberty 5; Cash 25; Judge O M Dorman, Norfolk, Va 50; Mrs McBride, N Y City 1; Rev J H Nixon and family, St Charles, Mo 30; S, Pa 60; Boston, A Friend 16; Rel Contrib Society, Princeton Theol Seminary, N J 42 53; Cash 5 50; "S," sp, 10,000; H., 200 13,375 78

Total receipts in February, 1874, \$4,574 25

Total receipts from May 1st, 1873, \$325,589 23

Of the amount acknowledged above, \$3,260 59 was received from the Committee on Benevolence and Finance.

Also, box of sundries for Omaha Mission, from L., valued at \$5.

Box of clothing for Dakota preacher, from Ladies of 2d ch, Wheeling, W, Va., 75.

WM. RANKIN, Treasurer,
23 Centre Street, New York.

LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to the Rev. JOHN C. LOWRIE, Rev. DAVID IRVING, or Rev. FRANK F. ELLINWOOD, Secretaries, Mission House, 23 Centre street, New York.

LETTERS relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, may be sent to WILLIAM RANKIN, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

POSTAGES.—

To Western Africa.....	16 cents.
Syria.....	12 "
Persia, to Constantinople.....	12 "
India.....	22 "
Siam.....	28 "
China and Japan.....	10 "
Brazil.....	15 "
U. S. Colombia.....	18 "
Mexico.....	10 "
Chili.....	22 "

For each ½ oz weight, prepaid.

Stamps not to be put on the letters, as these are enclosed in an outside envelope; and the postage is assessed according to the weight of each letter.

For Japan, China, and Siam the mail is sent from the Mission House on the 20th of each month; for India, Syria, Persia, by the steamers nearest the 1st and 15th; for Western Africa, on the 16th; for Brazil, on the 22d; for U. S. Colombia, on the 5th and 21st. Newspapers, from 2 to 6 cents, prepaid.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

No. 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Letters relating to donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D.D., *Corresponding Secretary*.

Manuscripts, and communications concerning matter offered for publication, whether for books or periodicals, to the Rev. JOHN W. DULLES, D.D., *Editorial Secretary*.

Letters relating to Sabbath-school work, to Mr. J. BENNET TYLER, Superintendent of Sabbath-school Work.

Correspondence of Colporteurs, remittances of money, and donations, to Mr. S. D. POWEL, Superintendent of Colportage and Treasurer.

Orders for Books (except from Colporteurs) and Business Correspondence, to Mr. JOHN A. BLACK. Subscriptions to *The Presbyterian Monthly Record*, *The Sabbath-School Visitor*, *The Presbyterian at Work*, *The Westminster Lesson Leaf*, and payments for the same, to Mr. PETER WALKER.

COLPORTAGE ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

The Colportage work of the Board of Publication is constantly growing in extent, interest, and usefulness in our far West. In the widely extended Synod of the Pacific, the Board now has seven colporteurs at work, viz: two in the Presbytery of Oregon, and one each in of those of Benicia, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, and Los Angeles. There is a vast work to be done by this agency, for Christ's kingdom and for our Presbyterian Church, in that great field, and our Board is doing all it can, with very limited means, for its accomplishment.

The Board has just completed an arrangement with F. E. Shearer, No. 757 Market Street, San Francisco, to keep on hand a full supply of the Board's publications. This will be a great accommodation to the Presbyterians of the Pacific coast.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Messrs. R. L. and A. Stuart of New York have made a generous donation to the Missionary Fund of the Presbyterian Board of Publication. Of the amount so contributed, five hundred dollars (\$500) is to be used exclusively in giving away copies of the *Shorter Catechism* to Sabbath-schools which are *unable to buy*. Applications for grants must state the number of catechisms actually needed, and must be signed by the superintendent of the school and by the pastor of the church, if there be one, and may be addressed either to Dr. C. O. Waters, 69 *Dearborn Street, Chicago*; to Rev. Robert Irwin, *corner Sixth and Locust Streets, St. Louis*; to Rev. F. E. Shearer, 757 *Market Street, San Francisco, Cal.*, or to the Rev. W. E. Schenck, D.D., 1334 *Chestnut Street, Philadelphia*.

The Board has added to the forms in which it offers the *Shorter Catechism*, an 18mo. edition, in larger type than that used in the small 32mo. edition in common use. Price three cents.

COLPORTAGE IN MICHIGAN.

The northern part of Michigan is a vast forest region, thinly settled, and to a great extent by persons connected with the lumber business. In the Presbytery of Saginaw the Board has an excellent colporteur, a ruling Elder

in one of the churches, busily at work. The following extracts from his last letter will give a view of the nature and importance of his work. He says:

“I have visited all the points on the Lake shore from the Straits of Mackinaw to Fort Hope and around Saginaw Bay, a distance of about 300 miles. This is a newly settled country, and much of it is still a wilderness. I have been the first colporteur to visit many of these points. It requires hard labor and a great deal of endurance to work in these back places. But just here the colporteur is most needed, and here he is likely to do most good. I often met those who had enjoyed better privileges in the past, and who are trying to do good still. By such the colporteur’s visits are valued. They have no other way of getting a religious book.”

SABBATH-SCHOOLS IN THE WILDERNESS.

“I walked forty-seven miles through the wilderness—for thirty miles not seeing a house or a person—to organize two Sabbath-schools at two settlements. At one of these places I stayed over Sabbath. One small boy walked four and a half miles to get to the Sabbath-school. Over thirty persons were present. No minister had ever been there, and no sermon ever preached there. After spending an hour or two with this little school, I did not regret that I had walked so far. This school has since been kept up through the winter, and I have sent them some of our books.”

BOOKS NOT FORGOTTEN.

“In many instances, away up on this shore in the backwoods, I have met individuals who know our books, and would point out those they liked. On my expressing surprise at this, they replied, ‘Oh, we had them in our Sabbath-school in ——,’ naming some place in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, or somewhere else, from which they had come. This fact shows that our books in Sabbath-school libraries are not forgotten, but leave an influence on many readers in after years.”

AN EARNEST LAD.

“At one place, a French lad, sixteen years old, followed me around, searching three hours for me, to get some books. He had seen some tracts I had given to other persons. His first selection was ‘*James’ Anxious Inquirer*,’ for which he gave me all the money he had. He was from Montreal, was a convert from Romanism, and was working and going to school, hoping that he might hereafter be able to preach the gospel.”

ONE USE OF COLPORTAGE.

“Even in these backwoods there are those who are thirsting for religious instruction, but have few or no opportunities to get it. My most useful work has been done at out-posts beyond where even our home missionaries go, also among our weaker churches and Sabbath-schools. Often these have no preacher, but by visiting and encouraging the Sabbath-school, the church is held together until it can secure preaching. Wherever I find them, I work with our home missionaries, and they always feel that my work and my books and tracts are a most important help to them. By the great mass of the people engaged in the lumbering business the Sabbath and religion are fearfully disregarded.”

“ALMOST A NUN.”

“In one place I was told that a copy of one of our Board’s books—‘*Almost a Nun*’—in the library of the Methodist Sabbath-school, had been the means of leading a family, who are now consistent members of the Methodist Church,

to forsake Romanism. At another place a Roman Catholic woman borrowed this book from a Sabbath-school library and burned it. But there were several other copies in the neighborhood, and when it was known what she had done, everybody wanted to read the work. So her burning one copy gave it an extensive reading for miles around. I sold a large number of that book in that neighborhood.

D. M."

OUR MISSIONARY FUND.—HOW IT WORKS.

Here is the testimony of a missionary pastor, working hard to build up a new church in Iowa. He says:

"When our church had spent all its resources in building a house of worship, and when we had one hundred scholars ready to enter a Sabbath-school, and when we were unable to open such a school for want of the facilities to begin with—then the Board of Publication made us a donation of books, &c., which enabled us to organize the school at once, and now, four weeks from its organization, we have an excellent, self-sustaining school.

"Again, through the gift of this same Board of over twenty thousand pages of tracts, I have been enabled, within the three years past, to plant Presbyterian doctrine deep and broad in the hearts of the people of this community, to erect a beautiful house of worship, and to organize a good Sabbath-school.

"Our people cannot express their gratitude for such help from this Board, and it is painful to learn that its Missionary work may be stopped or hindered by being consolidated with that of another Board. We hope, however, that our General Assembly may see in time what a mistake that would be, and may otherwise order."

W. R. S.

DONATIONS TO THE MISSIONARY FUND OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, FEBRUARY 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ATLANTIC.—*Knox*—Antioch 50 cents. *Yadkin*—Mocksville (of which Sab-sch 3) 3 50; Mount Vernon 1; Mount Zion 50 cents; Salisbury ch Sab-sch 55 cents 6 05

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Syracuse*—Hannibal 10

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Cincinnati, Walnut Hills 21 86; College Hill 3 24 86

CLEVELAND.—*Mahoning*—Canton 25; Hubbard

4. *St Clairsville*—Crab Apple 10; Elizabeth 7 50 46 50

COLORADO.—*Wyoming*—Evans 5 00

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Marietta 5. *Wooster*—Orange and Polk 10. *Zanesville*—Utica 20 35 00

ERIE.—*Erie*—Tidioute 42. *Kittanning*—Rural Valley 1 43 00

GENEVA.—*Steuben*—Prattsburgh 15 00

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Upper Path Valley 20 00

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Peoria*—Lewistown 15 65

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Freeport*—Galena, South 23 82

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Brighton 4 70; Green-

ville 9 01 13 71

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*New Albany*—Salem 5 25

KANSAS.—*Austin*—Austin 1st 13. *Neosho*—Neosho Falls 1 14 00

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Concord ch Sab-sch 2 15.

Platte—Weston 24 65. *St Louis*—St Louis, 1st Ger 5 50 32 30

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Rahway 2d 40. *Mon-*

mouth—Manchester 1 50; Tennent 2d. *Newton*

—North Hardistown 25. *West Jersey*—Atco 10;

Fislerville 20; *Wenonah* ch Sab-sch 25 141 50

NEW YORK.—*New York*—New York Brick ch, from H K Corning 200; New York Madison Square 285 59; New York, 5th Ave and 19th St ch (of which 1000 special from Messrs R & L Stuart) 2379 35 2,864 94

PACIFIC.—*Los Angeles*—Santa Barbara ch, from L Ould, Esq 1. *Oregon*—Portland 40 41 00

PHILADELPHIA.—*Lackawanna*—Carbondale ch Sab-sch 25. *Lehigh*—Reading 1st 50. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 3d 50; Philadelphia Walnut st 84 16. *Phila. North*—Bridesburg 20. *Westminster*—Slateville 19 248 16

TOLEDO.—*Huron*—Milan 6; *Sandusky* 17 50.

Maumee—Hicksville, from Rev H S Hyde 5 50 29 00

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Oostburgh 9 12

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE 379 69

From churches \$4,023 55

MISCELLANEOUS.

Students at Biddle Memorial Institute at Charlotte, N C, for Books for distribution there 15; Through the Rev J A Seymour Cleveland, Ohio 69; A D Stowell, West Groton, N Y 4 50; Mrs Ellen T Miller, Phila 30; W A Mathes, Kansas, Tenn 4; John R Groves 2; Mrs Abby C Choate, East Derry, N H 15, of which 5 for Spanish Tracts for Mexico; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, New York 3; J K P, Newton, Miss 2 144 50

Total receipts in February \$4,168 05

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Corresponding Secretary, REV. H. R. WILSON, D.D., 23 Centre Street, New York.
Treasurer, NATHAN LANE, Esq., 69 Wall Street.

"OUT OF DEBT."

How pleasantly this sounds, in these days of embarrassment and bankruptcy, when the hearts of men are failing them, because of disappointed hopes and inability to meet their liabilities? Who is this that can use these cheery words—"out of debt?" A little church of *twelve members*, in the far West, to whom this Board had given four hundred dollars to assist them in building a sanctuary that cost eighteen hundred dollars. This church might have done as others in similar circumstances have done. They might have undertaken a much larger, finer, and more costly building—one that would have been styled in the newspapers, "an ornament to the town" and "far surpassing those of other denominations." But this would have made it necessary either to incur a *heavy debt*, or to canvass the country in person, or by an appeal to the public through the press, for the necessary means to keep their house from being sold by the sheriff, and thus absorbing means that would, but for their impotency, have enabled others to build, who have no house of worship at all. But would it have been wise or prudent to have done so? This Church is completed and *paid for*, but not one dollar has been expended for mere ornamentation. There is no attempt at frescoing, no costly spire, no bell, no organ. These are things they can very well dispense with for the present, and after a while, when they can afford to get them without begging, they will the more enjoy them. It is much to be desired that all our feeble churches, unable to build without assistance, would follow the *Christian* example of this little church and thus, "*Owe no man anything, but to love one another.*" A church "*out of debt*," though it be small and without embellishment, is far more attractive, and far more likely to prosper, than one of larger size and greater pretensions, *unfinished and burdened with debt*. Who is ambitious to join such a church, and thereby have either to share the disgrace of unredeemed pledges, or put their hands deep into their pockets to help pay debts contracted by others? We have to-day churches suffering from this very cause, the effects of which will remain for years, whilst other denominations have come in and gleaned the field. To one and to all who propose to build, we say, *keep clear of debt*. Be contented with a small and unostentatious building, rather than burden yourselves with debt, or render your church unattractive to others by this barrier. Let the experience of others speak on this subject.

The pastor of a little church writes thus, "I am very happy to say that we were able to dedicate our house of worship *free of debt*. With the exception of the five hundred dollars received from your Board, we have asked for no other assistance, greatly preferring to enjoy the fruits of our own self-denial, in the possession of a plain and uncostly edifice, to that of a larger and more showy one, built at the expense of others. Our church is rapidly filling up, and by the time it is full we will be able to enlarge and beautify, without taxing the generosity of others." This church consists of twenty-one members, only five of whom are males. Their building cost about two thousand dollars.

Another missionary in the West, says, "Our building is about finished. Your generous aid of five hundred dollars has come just in time to meet our last obligations. In a few days we hope to dedicate our house to the worship of God, *free of debt*, and this is due to the kindly assistance of the Board of Church Erection. I think I may safely say our people are more deeply indebted to you than they can express, for had it not been for your aid we should have been many more years without a place of worship, or, what is even worse, we might have had a house *dishonored* with debt. But now we are happy in the possession of *our own* little sanctuary, and owe no man a cent. We are truly grateful to the Board, and shall send them our thank-offering every year." This building cost only one thousand dollars, and the Board's appropriation was three hundred dollars.

Once more. A brother on the Pacific coast writes, "Your letter brought great relief, and now I thank you for your kindness. Our members were beginning to think I got them into a difficulty by telling them that the Board would give

them some help, but after waiting some time, and matters becoming urgent, they fell upon me. I was thus in a very unpleasant situation, but your letter has relieved me. Our people here know but little about the Boards of our Church. I had paid out the last twenty-five cents we had. I had to sacrifice much myself, but am amply repaid by seeing another dear Presbyterian standard planted on the front, and a house of worship built where the scattered children of godly parents may be gathered in."

CLOSING OF THE YEAR.

As the General Assembly has ordered us to close our Annual Report at the 1st of April, this is the last monthly report of receipts we shall be able to make through the *Record*. Notwithstanding the stringency of the times, which has cut short our receipts by many thousands of dollars, still up to the present time we are considerably ahead of what we were this time last year, and we shall not distress the hearts of our brethren by the pitiful cry of *debt*, at the close of the year. This is cause for profound gratitude to God, and shows the deep interest the Church at large is beginning to take in behalf of this department of her work. Hitherto many of our largest contributions from churches have been received in the month of April, and so acknowledged in the Annual Report, but this year (unless they anticipate the time a little) we shall have nothing in our Report to their credit, for which we are very sorry, and for which those churches must not think hard of us. All sums that may be contributed in March, if sent to us *promptly*, shall be credited in the Report.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION, FEBRUARY 1874.

⊕ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Troy*—Cohoes 30 50; Lansingburgh, Olivet 20; Stillwater 1st 20 50.

ATLANTIC.—*Knox*—Antioch 50 cents. *Yadkin*—Lewisburgh 2.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Churchville 10; Frederick City 8; Harmony 4. *Washington City*—Georgetown 30 90.

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—College Hill 1st 16 80; Somerset 6 30. *Dayton*—Hamilton 50 87.

CLEVELAND.—*Mahoning*—Youngstown 47 85. *Steubenville*—Steubenville "Old Presbyterian ch" sp 50; Irondale 1st 22.

COLUMBUS.—*Columbus*—Columbus 2d 115 50; Greenfield 9 13. *Wooster*—Congress 6 35; Hopewell 27; Jackson 17 75; Nashville 18; Orange and Polk 10; West Salem 3 95. *Zanesville*—Brownsville 8; Utica 20.

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Pine Creek 10 91; Valley 15. *Kittanning*—Crooked Creek 2 55.

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Weedsport 15 50. *Geneva*—Seneca 16 20.

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Middle Spring 32 49. *Huntingdon*—Clearfield 61 88; Holidaysburg ch (of which Sab-sch 6) 29.

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Homer 5. *Peoria*—Deer Creek 3 50. *Schuyler*—Prairie City 5; Rushville 1st 5 10.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago 2d, sp 209; Joliet 1st 18. *Freeport*—Galena South 25 05. *Ottawa*—Earlville 2; Oswego 6.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Atton*—Blair 12; Lebanon 1st 11 35.

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Logansport*—South Bend 2d 5.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Vincennes*—Spencer 5.

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Onslow 5. *Dubuque*—Independence Ger 4 36. *Waterloo*—La Porte City 9.

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Iowa*—Martinsburg 3 45. *Iowa City*—Columbus City, add'l 3.

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Elizabethtown, add'l 6.

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn 1st (Dr Seever's) add'l 25; Brooklyn, Lafayette Ave, sp 142.

MICHIGAN.—*Lansing*—Homer 18 50.

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Windom 5.

MISSOURI.—*Patmyra*—Millard 3. *Platte*—Hamilton 4.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Rahway 1st 22; Summit Central 3 20. *Jersey City*—Englewood, sp 299 50. *Morris and Orange*—Morristown South 257 14. *New Brunswick*—Princeton 1st 43 70; Princeton 2d, add'l 10. *Newton*—Belvidere 2d 33 31. *West Jersey*—Williamstown, add'l 8; Absecon 3.

NEW YORK.—*New York*—N Y, Madison Square, add'l 250; N Y, Scotch 410; N Y, Washington Heights 16 53; N Y, West 23d St 65 82.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Lehigh*—Shawnee 4. *Philadelphia Central*—Phila. Arch St 156 36. *Philadelphia North*—Bridesburgh 1st 30; Bristol, sp 12 58; Chestnut Hill, add'l 85; Phila. Roxborough 3 20; Providence (of which 18 sp) 25 50. *Westminster*—New Harmony 5; York 22l 72.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Irwin 15; Salem 14. *Washington*—Burgettstown 30. *West Virginia*—Bethel 2 50.

TENNESSEE.—*Kingston*—Clover Hill 2; Forest Hill 3.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Belle Centre 5; Galion 1st 15 45; Kenton 7. *Lima*—Ada 5; Harrison 3; New Salem 2; Shanesville 3. *Maumee*—Mt Salem 5.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Syracuse*—Amboy 10; Hannibal 16 60. *Utica*—Forestport and Alder Creek, add'l 1.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Nagara*—Lockport 1st ch, Sab sch Miss'y Soc'y, sp 100. *Rochester*—Geneseo 1st 6 70; Sweden 15.

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Maiden Rock 3 50. *Lake Superior*—Maraiteite 10. *Milwaukee*—Lima 5. *Wisconsin River*—Oregon 10.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE 619 35

MISCELLANEOUS.—H Magie, Elizabeth, N J 50; "Friends" in Bloomfield, N J 650; John R. Groves 2; Interest 364; From estate of E Cummins, dec'd, late of Upper Strasburg, Pa 10.

Total receipts in February, 1874 \$5,221 40

NATHAN LANE, Treasurer.

RELIEF FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,
AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

REV. GEORGE HALE, D.D., *Secretary.*

REV. CHARLES BROWN, *Treasurer.*

OFFICE, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

"Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

A VOICE FROM A CABIN ON THE PRAIRIE.

BY THE WIFE OF A DISABLED MINISTER.

I do not write because I think you have forgotten us, or to attempt to tell you how greatly we have needed our appropriation during this long winter. We feel sure that you would have sent it long ago had it been in your power. We have tried to "take courage," as you suggest in your appeal, but there are *times* when hope almost dies away, and we feel desolate and well-nigh forsaken. Yourself, and the beloved cause for which you are toiling, are remembered every day at the hour of morning and evening incense in our humble home. We *know* that we do not plead in vain.

I have often wished it were in my power to do something toward deepening in the hearts of my Christian sisters in the Presbyterian Church a just appreciation of your work; but of this I feel sure, that God will take care of his own.

This is the first year during the twenty-six, in which my husband and myself have journeyed on together, that we have not been toiling with special reference to the fulfilment of the petition "thy kingdom come." Over pathless prairies and trackless woods oftentimes has my husband braved storms and cold, fatigue and suffering, to break the bread of life to the poor. As we look back over the years now, and retrace the hard, rough way, we do not wonder that we are prematurely old, and that we are shattered in health. Both of us inherit lung disease, which is making rapid inroads upon us. It may not be *long* that we shall need the little help we ask from your treasury, but without it *what can we do?*

The fund for Disabled Ministers, &c., was a cause very dear to my heart long years ago, but never did I dream that our little all would be exhausted during the years of active toil, and *we* be dependent on it. But thus it is, and more and *more* do I esteem it a most sacred and worthy object, one which our blessed Redeemer, who trod the vale of poverty, especially owns. I sincerely believe that every dollar received by us (and others as well) will be returned to the treasury fifty-fold by our child and our friends and descendants, as an offering of grateful remembrance for the blessing thus received.

We have read with pain of the proposal to "consolidate" your Board with Education. May our merciful Father spare it such a cruel fate. I felt it would be a privilege to express my gratitude to the author of the Philadelphia letter in a recent number of the *Evangelist*, for giving such a fair and Christian view of such a prospect as that union would inevitably present.

May He who "ever liveth to make intercession for us," impart to *you* and *your co-workers* a large measure of wisdom and faith, and replenish your depleted treasury, thus "binding up the broken-hearted."

At the date of going to press (March 29th) the liabilities of the Relief Fund have been reduced to \$23,000. Thanks are due to the generous friends who have promptly opened their hearts and purses in this time of need. Their gifts have helped to make up the \$72,000 already distributed.

If "C," of Greenburgh, N. Y., will give her name, we will reply by letter, which will answer her inquiries better than the limited space in the *Record* admits.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN FEBRUARY 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY—*Albany*—Schenectady East Avenue 15.

ATLANTIC.—*Knox*—Antioch 50 cts.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore Brown Memorial, from a member 25. *New Castle*—Lower West Nottingham 30. *Washington City*—Georgetown 20 63; *Washington Metropolitan*, from Sab sch 80.

CENRAL NEW YORK—*Binghamton*—Bainbridge 5. *St Lawrence*—Oswegatchie 2d 11. *Syracuse*—Collamer 10. *Utica*—Utica 1st 46 10.

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Cincinnati, Walnut Hills 18 25; College Hill 7 75. *Portsmouth*—Portsmouth Ger 4.

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Springfield 5. *Steubenville*—Richmond 9 84.

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Collins 3; Longmont, from Rev W E Honeyman 5.

COLUMBUS.—*Wooster*—Wooster, add'l 1. *Zanesville*—Muskingum 10.

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny Valley 12; Pine Creek 1' 09. *Eric*—Edenboro 25; Sugar Creek Men'l b. *Kittanning*—Crooked Creek 3; Glade Run 25; Plumville o. *Shewango*—Unity 2.

GENEVA.—*Lyons*—Rose 9 20.

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Harrisburgh 1st ch, Female Prayer Meeting 20. *Northumberland*—Grove 5; Jersey Shore 50; Washingtonville 4 50.

ILLINOIS. CENTRAL.—*Peoria*—Lewistown 35 18. *Schuyler*—Prairie City 7; Rushville 1st 11.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago, Noble St, Holland 4 25. *Freeport*—Galena South, 39 65. *Ottawa*—Earlville 5. Oswego 8.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Cairo*—Oak Grove 3. *Mattoon*—Dalton 1 25; Mattoon 14 25.

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Fort Wayne*—Bluffton 6 30; Coesse 6 04; Columbia City 4 75; Decatur 13; Fort Wayne 2d 40; Larwill 2 50; New Lancaster 5 70; Troy 2. *Logansport*—Kentland 2. *Muncie*—Hopewell 2 50; Noblesville 5.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*New Albany*—Corydon 6.

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Scotch Grove 3. *Dubuque*—Independence 1st 4 33.

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Des Moines*—Adel 6; Waukee 2.

KANSAS.—*Neosho*—Chetopa 6 65; Iola 3; Neosho Falls 1 51.

KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Burlington, per J M Preston 25.

MINNESOTA.—*St Paul*—Minneapolis 1st 10 85.

MISSOURI.—*Platte*—Oregon 8 40. *St Louis*—St Louis 1st Ger 6.

NEW JERSEY.—*Eizabeth*—Rahway 1st 21. *Jersey City*—Hoboken 1st 11 50. *Morristown*—Hightstown 50. *Morris and Orange*—Morristown 1st 186 58. *Newark*—Bloomfield 1st 83 58. *New Brunswick*—Pennington, a member 15. *Newton*—Belvidere 2d 25 56. *West Jersey*—M'Ilville, members of 27 50; Vineland, Rev John O Wells 25.

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Centreville 3. *New York*—New York, Westminster 17; New York, West 23d st 87 64. *Westchester*—Sing Sing 80.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Doe Run 5 51; New London, a member 24. *Lackawanna*—Scranton 1st 1050. *Lehigh*—Allen Township 30; Easton,

Brainerd, sp 100. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia, South 40; Philadelphia, South Western 15; Philadelphia, Tabernacle Sab-sch 23. *Philadelphia, Central*—Philadelphia, Arch-t 486 50. *Philadelphia, North*—Bridesburg 1st 30; Germantown 1st from Young Ladies Miss Soc'y 21; Jeffersonville 6; Norrisstown 1st 73 34. *Westminster*—New Harmony 6; York, Samuel Small, Esq 100.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Salem 10 20. *Pittsburgh*—Canon-burgh 15 90; Monongahela City 32 05; Pitt-burgh 1st, from Mrs M C Brooks 5. *Washington*—Bethlehem 4; Burg-ttstown 13 38; Hookstown 6; Upper Buffalo 14 70. *West Virginia*—Ravenswood 3.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Buck Creek 16. *Huron*—Fremont 3 50. *Maumee*—Bryan a member 2.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Genesee*—Castle 5. *Niagara*—Knowlesville 10 23.

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Janesville 8 77.

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE \$553 82.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ohio, Glendale, Mrs A O Patterson 30; "H S B and Wife" 5; N Y Watkins, "Sympathy" 5; per "Presbyterian," Westport, Ct, Chas D Smith 1; Anonymous, for a disabled Minister 10; N Y, Bath, Mrs L Cooley 25; Pa, White Haven, from "S" 5; Pa, Stra-burg, Rev R K M Baynum 5; Pa, Carbondale, Mrs H K Lathrope 25; Saratoga Springs, from "a friend" 5; N Y, Albany, Mrs McNeel 6; anonymous 5; N Y, Auburn, Mrs S S Goss 5; "Thankfulness" 1; Pa, York, Miss Jane L Cathcart 10; Mrs Latimer 5; Interest on deposits 77 45; from "a friend" 15; Philadelphia from "C J F" 5; Interest on Perm. Fund, per G H Van Gelder, Esq, 7; N Y, Middle Hope, A Phillips, Esq, 5; N Y, Portageville, Mrs Carrie E Maccarty 10; Texas, Marshall, Geo Moffat, Esq, 15; Interest on Perm. Fund, per Wm E Tenbrook, Esq, 313 63; Ill, Shipman, Rev E W Taylor 2; N J, Hammonton, from "A E S" 1; Mo, Lexington, from "a friend" 4 68; Mich, Marquette, J W Edwards, Esq, 30; "A Widow's mitc" 6 72; "Cash" per Wm Rankin 5; Ohio, Columbus, from "J W B" 25; Cal, Oakland 4; Cal, Vallejo, J S Topley 5; Va, Chesnut Hill, "A G N" 5; Pa, Newtown, Miss Rittenhouse 5; N Y, Greenwood Iron Works, William Wiltse 5; N Y, Saratoga Springs, "a widow" 5; Pa, South Oil City, Mrs E C terret 10; Interest on Perm. Fund, per G H Van Gelder, Esq, 60; per "Presbyterian," several contributions 9; "Annie's Missionary Box" 2 42; Ill, Chicago, J H Prentiss, Esq, 20; Sag Harbor, Mrs Harriet Teichert 10; N Y, Fresh Pond, 10; Conn, New Canaan, Mrs Jos Greenleaf, 5; Ohio, Cincinnati, Mrs Geo H Proctor, 25; Phila, a Minister's daughter, 5; "A Dividend for 1873" 107; Va, Staunton, Mrs John Peck 10; "W J II" 50; Estate of E Cummings 10; N Y, Babylon, "a friend" 10; Pa, Providence, E Weston, Esq, 5; "Cash" 34.

Total receipts in February, 1874 \$5203 91

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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CHARLOTTE, N. C.—As many know, Biddle Memorial Institute, for training colored preachers, catechists, and teachers for their own race, is located at Charlotte, N. C.; here also is one of our stronger churches; also one of our best parochial schools; and in connection with these, especially the church and parochial school, there has been of late a very encouraging degree of

RELIGIOUS INTEREST.

Some weeks ago, Dr. Mattoon, President of the Institute, wrote, saying: "We have to report this month a larger number of pupils than at any previous time. . . . We have 124 on the roll, and most of them on the ground. . . . I think the religious interest in the school is on the increase. It is not what we desire to see it, but I think there is more interest, a higher tone of piety among those professing to be Christians, and others are thoughtful. We observed the Day of Prayer, and I think with profit, and our meeting to-night was of more than usual interest. There is also more than usual interest in

THE CHURCH IN CHARLOTTE.

Church members have been revived, and there are many asking for prayers, and some have professed conversion. I trust the work may continue. Pray for us." Later, the Doctor says, "The interest in the Charlotte church continues, and, I think, deepens. Its influence on the church is very apparent. We had a communion season yesterday. Fifteen united on profession." . . . "It was a day of deep interest. The church was crowded, and the lower part was filled with communicants, so that we had to ask spectators to occupy the gallery." . . . "The elders thought yesterday that it would be best to discontinue the meetings, but the interest was so great last night that they decided to continue them." The religious interest in the church extended also to

THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

This school has upon its roll 150 pupils, and besides a colored assistant or two, requires two (white) lady teachers; Miss W— and Miss L—. The former wrote some time since, saying:

"The Week of Prayer, Dr. M— came over and talked to the children about the heathen. He brought an *idol* with him, like the Siamese worship. He was listened to with great pleasure, and I hope some may have had awakened in their minds a desire to go (when prepared) to their fatherland, and do something for those benighted ones. There have been meetings at the church most of the time since the 1st of January, which have been increasing in interest. Numbers are seeking the Saviour, and among them are several of our pupils. Even children are asking for the pardon of their sins. We trust that the Holy Spirit may linger in many hearts and lead them to true repentance. Pray for us. We have long wished for a revival, and now it seems as if God was answering us.

"One of the girls at my house has been converted. I have six boarding here. My assistant is '*almost saved*,' but she is surrounded by so many temptations. None of her family are Christians, and where they *live*, one might ask as of old, 'Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?' Yet she is an amiable girl, and the best scholar (among colored girls) *in this region*. The Day of Prayer for Schools, Professor H— and Mr. R—, with some of the students, came and held a prayer-meeting with us. Some beautiful songs were sung. One, 'The Old, Old Story,' and 'Jesus loves me,' were joined in by all. Our school sings very nicely. Mr. R— comes over often and teaches them; and as they learn readily by hearing a piece, they have already learned a good many pieces in the new book, 'Royal Diadem.' May they *all* be of the number of those who will sing the 'New Song.'" In a letter of later date, Miss W— says:

"This time I have cheering news to write. There has been more or less of religious interest in the church and school ever since the 'Week of Prayer.' The meetings have been held at night; and the distance, and circumstances by

which we are surrounded, have hindered me from going many times. Miss L—— and I have endeavored to do what we could to help on the good work, and the Professors from B—— have encouraged us by coming over and talking and praying with the school. I gave liberty for any to come up to our house to converse on the subject, or for prayer, while I remained at the school-house, and attended to duties there. As many as fifteen or twenty came. Five who are now in school and two who formerly attended, united with our church February 22d, besides nine others (mostly young persons) on profession, and three by letter. Some held back for clearer views of truth, some for friends, some will join elsewhere, and others, I fear, will turn back to the world.

“Those who are members, (girls) and any others who desire to join them, meet at our house and have a prayer-meeting which they conduct themselves. Pray for us that these gentle showers may be but the beginning of plenteous ones.”

DONATIONS AT PITTSBURGH FOR FREEDMEN IN FEBRUARY 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Second Amsterdam 5. *Troy*—Waterford 20 91.

ATLANTIC.—*Knox*—Antioch 100.
CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Windsor 8. *Ortsgo*—Guilford 13 38.

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—College Hill 7; Cleves 3 70; Springdale 5 37; Loveland 5 70; New Jersey 4 50.

CLEVELAND.—*St. Clairsville*—Nottingham 18. *Mahoning*—Massillon 10 34.

COLUMBUS.—*Zanesville*—Roscoe 5 65; Salt Creek 9 50; Keene 14 25. *Murion*—Brown 1 75; Berlin 1 03. *Woster*—Hopewell 19; Nashville 13; 1st Ashland 46 42. *Columbus*—First ch Columbus 42 27.

erie.—*Clarion*—New Rehoboth 6; Greenville 7. *Kittanning*—Elderton 10 34; Center 4 95; Cherry Run 3 75; Worthington 2; Slate Lick 8. *Buter*—Concord 26; North Butler 6 80; Muddy Creek 9 29. *Allegheny*—Pine Creek 9 16; Plains 2; Valley 10. *Shenango*—1st ch New Castle 23 40; Unity 19 0.

GENEVA.—*Lyons*—Newark 15 88. *Cayuga*—Genoa 3d 2 15.

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Shippensburg 16 33. *Northumberland*—Second ch Lock Haven 3; 1st ch Bloomsburg 40. *Huntingdon*—Perrysville 23; Newton Hamilton 5; Logan's Valley 7; Mt Union 5. *Wellston*—Lawrenceville 6.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Wenona 5; Lexington 12 70. *Schuyler*—Carthage 13.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Rock River*—Viola 5; Edwards 1 70.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Cairo*—Carmi 2. *Alton*—Butler 6; Lebanon 6.

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—State Line 2. *Logansport*—Kentland 3; Plymouth 3.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*New Albany*—Orleans and Paoli chs 2; Jackson County Ger 3. *Indianapolis*—Shiloh 3 55.

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Iowa*—Troy 3. *Iowa City*—Scott 3 95; Fairview 5 25; 1st ch Tipton 4 50; Muscatine Ger 2. *Des Moines*—Chariton 5.

KANSAS.—*Neosho*—Iola 3.

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Cloverport 10.

LONG ISLAND.—*Long Island*—Mattituck ch 13 25. *Brooklyn*—Brooklyn Ross St 17 50.

MISSOURI.—*Palmyra*—First ch Memphis 2.

NEW JERSEY.—*Morris and Orange*—Boonton 25. *West Jersey*—Fisherville 13 83. *Newton*—Belvidere 25. *New Brunswick*—Bound Brook 10.

NEW YORK.—*New York*—Dry Dock Chapel 4 10. *Westchester*—First ch Sab sch Grandford 18 59; South East 4. *Hudson*—Circleville 11.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Upper Octorara 17 25; Fagg's Manor 12 18; Waynesburg 64. *Lackawanna*—Wyalusing 4.

PITTSBURGH.—*Redstone*—Little Redstone 12; Fayette City 3; Connellsville 50 64; Tyrone 5. *West Virginia*—Fairmont 8 60. *Pittsburgh*—Grace Memorial 5; Mansfield 7. *Blairsville*—Polk Run 12 50; New Salem 18 60. *Washington*—Fairview 38 15.

TENNESSEE.—*Union*—Westminster 1 60; New Market 2.

TOLEDO.—*Huron*—Melmore 2 60; Olena and Peru chs 15. *Bellefontaine*—Wyandotte 1 25; Belle

Centre 3; Huantsville 1. *Maumee*—Ger ch Toledo 2. *Lima*—Ada 3.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Genesee Valley*—Allegany 2. *Rochester*—Central Genesee 36; Groveland 9; Mendon 6. *Genesee*—Attica 2; Portageville 6 50. *Buffalo*—Westfield 3; Clarence 5.

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—North Bend 3 75. *Milwaukee*—Lima 5.

MISCELLANEOUS.—James Robb, Andrew, Iowa 3; West 42d st ch, N Y 132 15; Gloversville ch, N Y 42 60; Birmingham ch, Iowa 3 60; Jas McQueen, Chapinville, Pa 5; 1st ch, Indianapolis, Ind 26 47; 1st ch, G Gard, Pa 12; Abington ch, Pa 53 95; Mrs M Robinson, Kittanning, Pa, for Biddle 20; Mrs R S Noble, Constitution, Ohio 5; Mt Vernon ch, N Y 20; Marshall, Mich 14 35; Woodland ch, Phila, Pa 47; 1st ch Nebraska City 10; T H Pettis, Tappan, Ohio 20; Johnstown, N Y 29 33; Epworth ch, Iowa 2; Farley, Iowa 3; Liberty ch, Ind 11 57; Latrobe ch, Pa 25 70; West Spruce st ch, Phila, Pa 25; Mechanicsville ch, Iowa 7; 1st ch Springfield, Ohio 64; S T N 20; Panama ch, N Y 5; Friends in Illinois 50; 2d ch Elizabeth, N J 108 62; South st Sab-sch Mission Ass'n, Morristown, N J, for Biddle 20; Darnestown ch, Md 5; C S Haines, Newark, N J, 50 for Scotia and 50 for Biddle=150; 1st ch Genesee, N Y 65 97; E Garland, Granville, Ohio 50; Batavia ch, N Y 37 89; La Porte City ch, Iowa, 2 81; Rockville, Ind 9 35; 1st ch Fort Wayne, Ind 15; Rev S Mattoon, for Biddle, from Mrs M D Biddle, Phila, Pa 150; Rev J Dubaur, Northville, Mich 5; H S Bradley, Northville, Mich 10; Wyoming ch, N Y 15 50; W Durfee, Wyoming, N Y 20; By Rev L Dorland for Scotia, for main building from Roseville ch, N J 26; Band, 8th ch Chicago, Ill 40; Young Folks of the ch of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, N Y 80; On scholarship from Two young workers, Newark, N J 35; Mrs R Dickey, Mansfield, Ohio 10; Miss A Anderson, Mansfield, Ohio 5; Willing Workers 1st ch, Kossuth, Iowa 10; for Library from E E Green 10; D H Sanford, Belle Valley, Pa 50 ets; Fredericksburgh School, Fredericksburgh, Va 3; Beecher Island ch, Pa 5 40; Farmington ch, Pa 2 10; Council Bluffs ch, Iowa 12 75; 1st ch Montclair, N J 88 50; Shanertown N Y 1; Hon J W Edwards, Marquette, Mich 150; 2d ch Paterson, N J 13 40; 2d ch Madison, Ind 11; 1st ch Neosho Falls, Kan 1 50; Mercersburg ch, Pa 11; 1st ch Portage City, Wis 8 35; Catskill ch, N Y 61 74; Homewood, N Y 5 25; Harmony, Md 4; G C Beaman, Montrose, Iowa 1 50; Rev L Dorland for Scotia on Scholarship from Alex Guy Esq., Oxford, Ohio 50; Mr A M G Stedham, Phila, Pa 40; S Loomis for Chester from Vineland, N J Sab-sch 22 35; F H Robinson for Biddle, from Sab-sch, Hudson ch, N Y 50; University Place ch, N Y 25; J R Dixon, Homer, N Y 4 50; Bev S Mattoon, for Biddle, from Rev H A Nelson, Lane Seminary, Ohio 20.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE, \$436 39

Total Receipts in February, \$3,714 61

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Lock Box 24, Pittsburgh, Pa.

COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION.

Rev. M. W. JACOBUS, D.D., *Secretary*, 318 Ridge Street, Allegheny, Pa.

“Bring me ALL THE TITHES into the storehouse, THAT THERE MAY BE MEAT IN MINE HOUSE, AND PROVE ME NOW HEREWITH, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and POUR YOU OUT A BLESSING, that there shall NOT BE ROOM ENOUGH TO RECEIVE IT. AND I WILL REBUKE THE DEVOURER FOR YOUR SAKES.”

More than two hundred of our missionary pastors are anxiously waiting for their dues from our Committee. And Jesus Christ, in the person of His suffering servants, is asking of the aid-giving churches for food and raiment. We entreat those that have not yet contributed for the current year, to send forward their offerings as soon as possible, that the sufferings of these brethren may be relieved, and the ministry of our church saved from the degradation of broken faith, and from the disadvantage of preaching under the harrow of debt.

The arrearage, at this writing (March 6) is at least *thirty-four thousand dollars*. If we can receive this amount *during these two months* of March and April, we hope to pay off these brethren up to March 1st, which is the last *pay day* of the current year. This can be done, if the pastors and elders will give the opportunity, as ordered by the General Assembly. We confidently expect that it will be done. We have advertised the actual and urgent necessity, and we believe there is loyalty enough to the Presbyterian Church, and sympathy enough with her unpaid ministry, to put the Committee in funds without further delay.

“And that, *so laboring, ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus*, how he said, IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.”— (*Paul to the Elders of Ephesus*), Acts xx. 35.

FROM THE FIELD.

(1.) “During these two years, under your Committee our contributions to the various Boards of the Church have been *more than double* the amount ever given before during the same period. Without the timely aid of your Committee, the pastoral relation now existing could not then have been instituted, and we would in all probability have been at this time without a permanent pastor. During these two years our membership has been *almost doubled*, so that we now feel able, by the *help of the Lord, to go alone*. With thanks for your fostering care, we present this our last quarterly report. Our pastor’s salary is paid up in full to March 1st.”

(2.) “We have dedicated our new house of worship. But for this great tax upon us, we should have been self-sustaining this year, as we had hoped. Times are very tight with me. To give \$200 to the new church, leaves a small margin for bread and butter for five. You may know that \$1000 would not do it. I have gone in debt, and could not help it. I trust all the Boards will be sustained, and especially this one, which has for us done the work of the Church Election Board also; for I have no hesitation in saying, that without the aid received from you our people would never have had the courage and self-sacrifice to build the new church.”

(3.) “I am in great need. I do not want to press you for money, and will not. If you can send it to me, it will greatly relieve me. Our work now has new life in it. We are in our new church. *We hope to be self-sustaining before the end of this year.*”

(4.) “On the first Sabbath of this month I had the pleasure to receive sixty-eight or seventy persons into the communion of the church, all on profession of their faith in Christ, except one by letter. H— *church is now rendered self-sustaining*. I found the contract with your Committee of great strength in collecting what they have promised. Some of the former pastors were dismissed without any settlement, and a great portion of their salary unpaid. May the choicest blessings of the Triune God be with you and your Committee, is the prayer of your brother in Christ.”

(5.) "I sincerely trust you may not be discouraged in your good work. It is worth all it costs, just for the promptness it exacts of the churches, besides the still more important work it accomplishes for both the minister and all the benevolent enterprises of the Church, by the system it requires. My churches are feeling it more than ever."

RECEIPTS IN FEBRUARY 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS.—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Kingsboro 31; Greenbush 20; 6th Albany 9 25; Schenectady 14. *Columbia*—Canada Centre 16. *Troy*—Waterford 20 91; Woodside 11 61.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Govane Chspel 30 22; Fredrick 6. *New Castle*—Green Hill 8; Port Penn 8; Christiana 4; Brandywine 8 80. *Washington City*—Gurley 5; Georgetown D C 27 68.

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—College Hill 3 75; Walnut Hill 11 77; 1st Lebanon 24; Delhi 4 41; Avondale 113 *Dayton*—Clifton 32 30. *Portsmouth*—Woman's Miss'y Soc'y Ironton, Ohio 55; Hanging Rock and Pine Grove 6

CLEVELAND.—*Steubenville*—Oak Ridge 5 75; New Philad'a 10; C C Beatty 20.

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—1st Denver 31 56.

COLUMBUS.—*Marion*—Cardington 2. *Zanesville*—Browsville 6.

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Sharpsburg 28 40; Leetsdale 39 60; North ch Allegheny 82 65; Hilland 10 81. *Butler*—New Salem 45; Slippery Rock 11. *Clarion*—First Clarion 9 60; Perry 6 66; *Erie*—E Springfield 10 75; Franklin 20. *Kittanning*—Apollo 17; Freeport 42 25. *Shenango*—West Middlesex 20 50.

GENEVA.—*Geneva*—Geneva 2d 18 38; Perry 14 14; Aurora 35 35. *Lyons*—Lyons 37 64.

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Gettysburg 24 75; 1st Carlisle 63; Middle Spring 50; Lower Path Valley 10; Burnt Cabins 10. *Huntingdon*—Logan Valley 9 52; Alexandria 17; Mifflintown 35 10; Lost Creek 17 90; Spruce Creek 43; Milesburg 12 64. *Northumberland*—Lycoming Centre 7; Derry 3; Washingtonville 6; Shamokin 18 40; Grove ch, Danville 15; St Mary's 11.

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Peoria*—Knockville 17 60; 1st Farmington 7 35; Canton 8 45. *Schuyler*—Camp Creek 8 50.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Freeport*—German Galena 3 27; 1st Oregon 8; Galena South 28. *Ottawa*—Waterman 3. *Rock River*—Woodhull 12.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Litchfield 5. *Cairo*—Richview 5; Mt Vernon 5.

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Fort Wayne*—Huntington 2; Pleasant Ridge 6. *Logansport*—Plymouth 7 50.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—3d Indianapolis 11. *New Albany*—Charlestown 5 35; Jefferson 2; Pleasant Township 1. *Vincennes*—Terre Haute 12 60.

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Scotch Grove 3. *Dubuque*—Second Dubuque 24.

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Des Moines*—Winterset 13. *Iowa*—Troy 2; Birmingham 3 45. *Iowa City*—German 2; Columbus City 5. *Council Bluffs*—Council Bluffs 12 80; Atlantic 3.

KANSAS.—*Neosho*—Neosho Falls 1. *Topeka*—First Lawrence 19 50.

KENTUCKY.—*Transylvania*—Greensburg 16 77.

LONG ISLAND.—*Nassau*—Islip 5 70.

MICHIGAN.—*Monroe*—Palmyra 3 41; Blissfield 5 86. *Saginaw*—Flint 17 40.

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Redwood Falls 5 15. *St Paul*—Forest 2; Dundas 3; Albert Lea 15 85. *Winnona*—Lake City 4.

MISSOURI.—*Platte*—Hamilton 3 07; N Y Settlement 2 55. *St Louis*—Bethel 5.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Marshall St 29; Perth Amboy 15 50; 1st Elizabeth 190 85; Rahway 1st 13 75. *Jersey City*—Prospect Ave 7 85; Hoboken

11; Passaic 3 75; 1st Paterson 50. *Mummouth*—Bordentown 5. *Morris and Orange*—South Orange 63. *Newark*—First Newark 117; South Park 95 35. *New Brunswick*—Bound Brook 10; Hamilton square 3 07; Amwell 1st 4 25; Lambertville 32; 2d Princeton 10. *Newton*—Newton 75. *West Jersey*—Bridgeton West 17.

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Mt Hope 8. *New York*—13th St N Y 78; Mt Washington 29. *North River*—First Yonkers 123 40; Pleasant Plains 15 69. *West Chester*—First Waterford 46.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Chester 10; Forks of Brandywine 9; Penningtonville 3 50; Downingtown 12; Oxford 41 28; Waynesburg 16 75 *Lehigh*—Hokendauqua 4. *Lackawanna*—Wyalusing 4; Dimock 1 40; Springville Village 1 50; 1st Scranton 175. *Philadelphia*—Calvary 244; Arch St 156 36. *Philadelphia Central*—Bethesda 36 82; Cohocksink 76 64; North 180. *Philadelphia North*—Bristol 25; Germantown Market Square 51 34. *Westminster*—Lancaster 5.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Cross Roads 15; New Alexandria 47 33; New Alexandria Sabch 4 20; New Salem 13; 1st Blairsville 63 60. *Pittsburgh*—C J Clark 3d ch 100; 3d Pittsburgh 128 20; Central Pittsburgh 166 14; 1st Pittsburgh, in part 400; Robt Beers 1st ch 25; Mansfield 5; Montours 24; Raccoon 33; Forest Grove 27; Hazlewood 18 90. *Redstone*—Connellsville 41; Laurel Hill 10 35. *West Virginia*—Breckenridge, Huntington 2 25; Graiton 15; Fairmount 15 15; Manuington 4.

TENNESSEE.—*Austin*—First Austin 18. *Union*—Hopewell 3.

TOLEDO.—*Maumee*—West Bethesda 6.

UTICA.—*St Lawrence*—Heuvelton 5; Brashear Falls 6 25. *Syracuse*—Amboy 8. *Utica*—Bethany Utica 32 51; Westminster 33; 1st Utica 1.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—East Aurora 5. *West Aurora* 5. *Genesee*—Warsaw 10; Batavia 50 08; Oakfield 5; Castle 5. *Rochester*—Brighton 14 89.

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—First ch Hudson 3 90. *Milwaukee*—Summers 9 40. *Wisconsin River*—Platteville 2 61.

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MISCELLANEOUS.—J R Dickson, Homer, N Y 4 95; J C Mahan, Lexington, Ill 8 20; West Point, Ohio ch 1 50; Westerville N Y ch 8 63; St Clair Mo ch 1; Aledo Mo ch 5; John R Groves 2; Ch of Lafayette, N J 5; Ch of Williamstown, N J 44; Ch of Corning, Iowa 8; Chs of Viola and Edwards, Ill 14; Ch of Waynesburg Pa 14 10; Ch of Eureka, Kas 25; Ch of Berlin, (Buckingham, Md) 38 50; Ch of Sullivan, Ind 5; Ch of Morrow, O 2 00; Ch of Mt Airy, Md 25; Ch of Enfield, Ill 10; 1st ch of Cedar Valley, Iowa 6; Chs of Delafield and Ottawa, Wis 5; Chs of Venango and Mill Village, Pa 35; Ch of Rockland Lake, N Y 30; Ch of Rockford, Minn 11 25; Ch of Harbor Creek, Pa 21; 1st German ch Allegheny, Pa 26 25; Ch of Holmesburg, Pa 30; Ch of Pleasant Run, Ohio 35; Ch of Aurora, Ill 37 50; Ch of Williamsport, Md 31 25; Ch of Newark, Del 12 40; Ch of Hardin, Ill 25; Ch of Morrisville, Pa 25; Ch of Andover, N J 37 50; Ch of Pleasant Hill, Mo 25

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COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND FINANCE.

CONSOLIDATION.—PROPOSED CHANGE.

The General Assembly's Committee on Consolidation have recommended the discontinuance of this Committee, "with the grateful acknowledgment of the Assembly of the important work they have accomplished in developing the liberality of the Church, and bringing into such prevalent favor the plan of periodic contributions to the benevolent work of the Church as a whole." They also recommend a Committee on Benevolence, to be composed of one member from each of the Synods. If it should be ordered that this new committee should receive, acknowledge, record, and publish weekly all the offerings of the Church before they were paid over to the Boards, we should have the essential nucleus of a financial system. Perfect statistics would then be concentrated in one office, and the department of collection and safe keeping would be separated from that of expenditure at discretion, as is common in good governments and large establishments having departments.

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 ☞ Distribution is made precisely as donors direct. Where no directions are given, the division is always made by the General Assembly's per centage.
 ☞ The contraction sp for special, designates offerings for but a part, and not for the whole work of the Church.

ALBANY.— <i>Champlain</i> —Essex	25 00	MISSOURI.— <i>Palmyra</i> —Sullivan	7 40; Birdseye
BALTIMORE.— <i>New Castle</i> —Wilmington	Central	Ridge, sp 2 50; Shelbyville, sp 5 50; Clarence, sp	4 50. <i>Platte</i> —Hackberry 8; St Joseph West-
166. <i>Washington City</i> —Clifton, sp 40 70	206 70	minster, sp 1 25	29 15
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —Bingham-	ton 1st 136 20; Waverly 55. <i>Otsego</i> —Unadilla,	NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Summit Central, (Sab-	sch 55) sp 75 80; Summit West 38 57; Plucka-
sp 31 45; Franklin 25 50. <i>Syracuse</i> —Syracuse,	1st Ward 52 35. <i>Utica</i> —Vernon Centre 20	man 21 58; Elizabeth 3d 58; Westfield 45. <i>Mon-</i>	mouth—Jamesburg 50; Manchester, sp 18 93.
	323 50	<i>Newark</i> —Park 67 28. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Stockton	20; Princeton, Witherspoon St, sp 13; Prince-
CINCINNATI.— <i>Cincinnati</i> —Harrison	24 65	ton Theol Sem'y, Religious Contribu'n Soc'y	100. <i>Newton</i> —Yellow Frame 28 35
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Cleveland 1st 602;	Kingsville 13 08; Willoughby 11; Strongsville	NEW YORK.— <i>Boston</i> —A friend 40. <i>Hudson</i> —	Chester, sp 60; Hempstead 8 61; Cocheont 5;
24 60. <i>Mahoning</i> —Leetonia 25; Brookfield 5.	<i>Steubenville</i> —Harlem, sp 46 71; Kilgore, sp (Sab-	Ramapo, sp 27; Middletown 2d, sp 72 52; Mid-	dletown 1st 53 54; Washingtonville 2d, sp 20 72;
sch 6) 16 94	744 23	Milford 12; Goodwill 102; Hamptonburgh 27 50;	Port Jervis 36; Liberty 32 67. <i>New York</i> —Phil-
COLUMBUS.— <i>Marion</i> —Delaware, sp	63 50	lips 26 80; Sea and Land 11; Fourth Ave 333 32;	Rutgers 345 35
ERIE.— <i>Buller</i> —Centre (Sab-sch 33 37) 81 12;	Harrisville 41; Amity 22 60. <i>Kittanning</i> —Be-	PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —New London 27. <i>Lack-</i>	<i>awanna</i> —Wilkesbarre, sp 338 69; Monroeton 10;
thesda, sp 15 25; Mechanicsburg 12 50; Cherry	Tree, sp 9	Montrose, sp 75. <i>Lehigh</i> —Mauch Chunk, sp	277 26; Shenandoah 6; Weatherly, sp 13 50;
GENEVA.— <i>Chemung</i> —Watkins Sab-sch 69 95;	Tyrone 3 57; Sugar Hill 1 59. <i>Geneva</i> —West	Lower Mt Bethel 53 71. <i>Philadelphia, Central</i> —	Tioga St 50. <i>Philadelphia, North</i> —Manayunk 80
Fayette, sp 8. <i>Steuben</i> —Hammondspport 40 88;	Corning 50		936 16
HARRISBURG.— <i>Huntingdon</i> —Lewistown 181.	<i>Northumberland</i> —"s" 150; Williamsport 2d	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Pittsburgh</i> —Shady Side 265 87;	Pittsburgh 2d, sp 225; E Liberty 232 69; Oak-
94 76	424 76	dale 36. <i>Redstone</i> , Round Hill (Sab-sch 15) 58 50;	Mt Pleasant Reunion 16. <i>Washington</i> —Wheel-
ILLINOIS, NORTH.— <i>Chicago</i> —Chicago 1st, sp 575.	<i>Freeport</i> —Rockford 1st 80 80. <i>Rock River</i> —Ful-	ton 4th 3	837 06
ton 4th 70; Hamlet 12	715 50	TENNESSEE.— <i>Kingston</i> —Clover Hill	2 50
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Plainview 12; Virden	21 65; Zion Ger, sp 15; Hardin 6 50; Trenton,	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Bucyrus 48 65; Belle-	fontaine 1st 27. <i>Lima</i> —Delphos (Sab-sch 2)
sp 7. <i>Cairo</i> —Metropolis 5; Carmi sp 18 95.	<i>Mattoon</i> —Pana 1st 41 15	10 35. <i>Maumee</i> —Union 6; Hicksville 11 103 00	WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Buffalo</i> —Buffalo West-
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Crawfordsville</i> —Williamsport	6. <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Franklin 10. <i>Muncie</i> —Wabash	minster 96 30; Westfield 33 88. <i>Genesee Valley</i> —	Cuba, sp 10. <i>Rochester</i> —Luna 15 81; Rochester
(of which Dr. E. P. Peters 10 40) 61 40; Shiloh	10 50	Central 233	388 99
INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>Indianapolis</i> —New Hope, sp	7 75; Indianapolis 2d 125. <i>New Albany</i> —New	WISCONSIN.— <i>Milwaukee</i> —Delafeld	7 50
Albany 2d 150. <i>Vincennes</i> —Petersburgh, sp 2 30;	Oakland City, sp 1 25. <i>White Water</i> —Richmond,		
sp 35 71	322 01		
IOWA, NORTH.— <i>Dubuque</i> —Pleasant Grove, sp	26; Pleasant Prairie, sp 8. <i>Waterloo</i> —Rock		
Creek 2	36 00		
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Des Moines</i> —Corydon 4. <i>Iowa</i> —	"J S," sp 100; Keokuk 1st Westminster 82 06.		
<i>Iowa City</i> —Walcott 21 40; Keota, sp 31; Lafay-	ette, sp 6. <i>Council Bluffs</i> —Avoca 3		
246 46	KANSAS.— <i>Neosho</i> —Ottawa 1st		
7 10	KENTUCKY.— <i>Louisville</i> —Louisville, Walnut St		
18 65; Hopkinsville, sp 20	38 65		
MICHIGAN.— <i>Detroit</i> —Detroit Westminster	46 64; Fort St 390 71; Wyandotte, sp 26 10.		
<i>Lansing</i> —Lansing 2d, Coral Band, sp 21. <i>Saginaw</i>	—Au Sable and Oscoda 16 50		
500 95	MINNESOTA.— <i>Munkato</i> —Winnebago City, sp		
15 00			

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